

Closed Caption Log, Council Worksession, 5/8/08

Note: Since these log files are derived from the Closed Captions created during the Channel 6 live cablecasts, there are occasional spelling and grammatical errors. **These Closed Caption logs are not official records of Council Meetings and cannot be relied on for official purposes.** For official minutes, please contact the City Clerk at 974-2210.

Mayor Wynn: GOOD MORNING. APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S PATIENCE AS WE GET READY TO START OUR MEETING THIS MORNING. I'M AUSTIN MAYOR WILL WYNN AND IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME A CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEE, PAMELA HART, WHO IS GOING TO LEAD US IN A VERY UNIQUE AND INSPIRING INVOCATION, SO PLEASE RISE. (music) OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOW IT BE THY NAME. (music) THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. (music) GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS. (music) AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. EVIL. (music) FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. (music) AMEN (music)(music)

Mayor Wynn: FEEL FREE TO APPLAUSE EVERYBODY. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, PAMELA. OKAY. THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, AT THIS TIME I'LL CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. IT IS THURSDAY, MAY 8TH, 2008, APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES AFTER 10:00 IN THE MORNING. WE'RE HERE IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 301 WEST SECOND STREET. BEFORE I GO INTO THE CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS AND ULTIMATELY PROPOSE THE CONSENT AGENDA, I DO WANT TO WISH ALL THE MOTHERS IN THE AUDIENCE AND WATCHING EARLY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ON SUNDAY. INCLUDING MY MOM. AND AT THIS TIME, COUNCIL, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF YOU MIGHT BE AWARE OF ANY UPCOMING ITEMS FROM COUNCIL OR OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS THAT YOUR COLLEAGUES OR THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE AWARE OF. ANY UPCOMING -- LIKELY UPCOMING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS. HEARING NONE, THEN WITH TH I'LL READ THE CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S POSTED AGENDA. THEY ARE TO NOTE THAT ITEM NUMBER 4 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER 20, WE SHOULD STRIKE THE PHRASE, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE", SO THE ACTION WOULD BE TO JUST APPROVE NEGOTIATIONS. ON ITEM NUMBER 49, WE SHOULD NOTE THAT COUNCILMEMBER KIM IS AN ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSOR. ON ITEM NUMBER 59, WHICH IS JUST SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING, WE SHOULD CORRECT THE PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO THAT OF MAY 22nd, 2008. ONE WEEK AFTER WHAT ORIGINALLY POSTED. AND WE SHOULD NOTE THAT BOTH ITEMS 65 AND 67 WILL BE POSTPONED TO MAY 22nd, 2008. OUR CALENDAR THIS MORNING OR OUR

SCHEDULE THIS MORNING, ONCE WE GET THROUGH THE CONSENT AGENDA, I THINK THERE MIGHT BE A SINGLE OR SECOND DISCUSSION ITEM THIS MORNING, WE'LL THEN HAVE OUR MORNING BRIEFING, AND THE PRESENTATION TODAY IS FROM OUR FAMILY AND CHILDREN TASKFORCE, SO STAY TUNED FOR THAT. THEN AT NOON WE GO TO GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. AT 4:00 O'CLOCK WE TAKE UP ALL OF OUR ZONING MATTERS. AT 5:30 WE BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. MARY WELCH IS OUR MUSICIAN TODAY, SO STAY TUNED TUNED FOR MARY AND HER CAMCOMRADES. AND AT 6:00 O'CLOCK WE HAVE OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION. SO FAR, COUNCIL, THERE ARE ONLY TWO ITEMS PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA, THAT BEING ITEM NUMBER 15, WHICH WILL BE A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION AS WE CHOOSE THE PLANNING TEAM FOR THE WALLER CREEK UPGRADES. AND ITEM 50 HAS BEEN PULL OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TESTIMONY ABOUT THAT ITEM. SO ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA. HEARING NONE, I'LL READ INTO THE RECORD THEN NUMERICALLY A PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA. AND IT WILL BE TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 1, OUR MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS TWO MEETINGS. FROM THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY, APPROVING ITEMS 2, 3. NOTING THAT ITEM 4 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. AND APPROVING ITEM 5. FROM OWSH CONTRACT AND LAND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEMS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. PRACTICE OUR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROVING ITEMS 16, 17, 18, AND 19. FROM OUR LAW DEPARTMENT APPROVING ITEM 20 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTION. FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT, APPROVING ITEM 21. FROM OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEMS 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 AND 31. FROM OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT APPROVING ITEM 32, 33, 34, 35 AND 36. FROM OUR PURCHASING OFFICE APPROVING ITEM 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 AND 44. ITEM 45 ARE OUR BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS THAT I'LL READ INTO THE RECORD. TO OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION, SONDRAS FRASIER IS MY NOMINEE. TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, RYAN KING IS NOMINATED BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE. TO OUR BUILDING, FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS, FRANK HAUT IS MY NOMINEE AND PER THIS ACTION WILL BE RESCINDING THE APPOINTMENT MADE ON MAY 24TH, 2008. AND TO OUR BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION, TIM HILL IS MY NOMINEE, AND TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, SHAUN GARRETTSON IS MY NOMINEE. AND TO OUR SIGN REVIEW BOARD, KATHY FRENCH IS MY NOMINEE. AND TO OUR WATERFRONT OVERLAY TASKFORCE LEVEL HERETIC IS COUNCILMEMBER COLE'S NOMINEE. THAT'S THE BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS ON OUR PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA. MS. GENTRY, YES, MA'AM?

MAYOR, SHAUN GARYSON IS ACTUALLY ABOUT THE APPOINTED TO THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY. I APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR THAT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WE'LL NOTE THAT MY NOMINEE, SHAUN GARRETTSON IS ACTUALLY TO THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY AND NOT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. THANK YOU, MS. GENTRY. SO CONTINUING ON WITH THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA, WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEM 46, 47, 48, 49 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS. 51, 52, 53, 54

AND 55. WE'LL BE SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS BY APPROVING ITEM 56, 57, 58, 59 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, NOTING THAT THE SUGGESTED DATE AND TIME IS MAY 22nd, 2008 AFTER SIX P.M. WE'LL ALSO BE APPROVING ITEM 60 AND 61. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON THAT PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. COUNCIL COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: MAYOR, THE CITY LEGAL HAS INFORMED US THAT THE ITEM 59 DOES -- THE NOTICES HAVE ALREADY GONE OUT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ON MAY 15TH. SO MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT TECHNICALLY HE NEEDS TO REMAIN ON FOR MAY 15TH FOR PUBLIC HEARING; HOWEVER, THE McMANSION TASKFORCE HAS ASKED THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING OCCUR ON MAY 22nd BECAUSE THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS GOING TO ACTUALLY NOT DO FINAL CONSIDERATION UNTIL MAY 13TH. SO I THINK THAT MY UNDERSTANDING FROM CITY LEGAL IS IT NEEDS TO APPEAR ON THE 15TH, BUT AT LEAST I AND I SUSPECT OTHERS ON THIS COUNCIL ARE ON THE 15TH REQUEST THAT IT BE PROPOSED UNTIL THE 22nd AT THAT TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THEN AS A THOUGHT, MR. SMITH THAT, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE RENOTICED I GUESS IF WE TAKE COUNCIL ACTION ON THE 15TH?

YES, THAT'S THE PURPOSE IN DOING IT THAT WAY SO IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE RENOTICED.

Mayor Wynn: SO COUNCILMEMBER KIM AND COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, DO YOU CONSIDER THAT A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO NOT CHANGE THE SUGGESTED DATE AND TIME FOR ITEM NUMBER 59'S PUBLIC HEARING? GREAT. THANK YOU.

McCracken: MAYOR, ALONG THOSE LINES, THE TASKFORCE MEMBERS HAVE EXPRESSED THAT THEY -- THEY HAVE CONVEYED TO A NUMBER OF US, MYSELF AT LEAST, AND I THINK OTHERS, THAT THEY ARE RECOMMENDING ABOUT 90%, THEY SAID, OF WHAT'S COME FORWARD FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION SO FAR, BUT THAT THERE ARE SOME ITEMS THAT THEY ARE REQUESTING NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION. THAT INCLUDES AMENDMENTS TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION AND ALSO THE TASKFORCE HAS SAID THAT THEY'RE GOING TO RECOMMEND A PROCESS IN THE COMING WEEKS FOR BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ISSUES. AND SO THEY SAID THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS GOING TO TAKE THOSE ISSUES UP, BUT THAT I EXPECT THAT BASED ON WHAT THE TASKFORCE HAS SAID TODAY THAT THERE WILL BE NO CONSIDERATION OF ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION AS PART OF THIS PROCESS. AND IF IT DOES AGAIN COME OUT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, I KNOW I AT LEAST -- I BELIEVE OTHERS ON THE COUNCIL WOULD NOT SUPPORT CHANGING THAT JURISDICTION. THAT'S SOMETHING THERE'S NOT CONSENSUS FOR ON THE TASKFORCE.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN. I WOULD NOT SUPPORT THAT CHANGE EITHER TO REMOVE THAT AUTHORITY FROM THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, SO I'M GLAD IT'S BEING TAKEN OUT. BUT I WONDER IF WHEN WE COME BACK WE COULD HAVE A FULL -- THIS HAS BEEN KIND OF AN EVOLVING PROCESS. IF WE COULD HAVE A RECAP AND THE STAFF BRIEFING TO INCLUDE AMENDMENTS LIMITING THE F.A.R. EXEMPTIONS FOR GARAGES AND CARPORTS, THE DEFINITION OF GROSS FLOOR AREA, DUPLEX REGULATIONS AND ALL ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR -- THAT ARE FORTHCOMING. IF THAT WOULD -- THAT'S JUST DIRECTION TO STAFF FOR THE BRIEFING.

Mayor Wynn: AND LIKELY A BRIEFING JUST PRIOR TO THAT PUBLIC HEARING WHENEVER IT WOULD BE SET.

Leffingwell: WELL, YEAH, WE COULD DO IT THAT WAY OR WE COULD POSSIBLY CONSIDER JUST DOING A STAFF BRIEFING NEXT WEEK ON THE 15TH. AND THAT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING TO DO TO HAVE THAT FULL WEEK TO DIGEST THOSE. THE ONLY DOWN SIDE OF THAT IS WE WON'T HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION BY THEN, BY THE 15TH. SO STILL IT MIGHT BE OF VALUE. AND IF THE SUPPORTERS OF THIS AMENDMENT ARE OKAY WITH JUST HAVING A STAFF BRIEFING NEXT WEEK, I THINK IT WOULD BE -- IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE.

Mayor Wynn: GREAT. WE'LL WORK WITH THE AGENDA OFFICE ON THAT. FURTHER COUNCIL COMMENTS ON OUR CONSENT AGENDA? WE DO HAVE A HANDFUL OF CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US SOME TESTIMONY. COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: ITEM NUMBER 51 IS RELATED TO A PARTNERSHIP THAT WE ARE FORMALIZING WITH THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF (INDISCERNIBLE) INDIA. AND THIS IS TO APPOINT A CITY LIAISON TO HELP THEM WITH DEVELOPING AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION RESPONSE SYSTEM, BASICALLY A 911 SYSTEM. SO WE'VE HAD PEOPLE FROM OUR CITY, PETE COLLINS, TO REPRESENT THE CITY, AND SHOW THEM WHAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IN AUSTIN. THEY STARTED OFF WITH A VISIT TO OUR FACILITY WITH C TECH AND WENT TO INDIA TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR SYSTEM. I'M HOPING THIS WILL AN GREAT PIP. I'M LOOK -- A GREAT PARTNERSHIP. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE GRANTS TO DEVELOP EDUCATION AND RESEARCH AND TO BE ABLE TO JOINTLY IMPROVE OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE, ESPECIALLY IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY LIKE INDIA THAT COULD REALLY BENEFIT FROM THE ADVANCES THERE. AND I THINK WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE WHO WANTS TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

Mayor Wynn: WE DO. WE HAVE SEVERAL FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP WISH TO GO GIVE TESTIMONY. SO WELCOME.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR WILL WYNN, COUNCILMEMBERS LEFFINGWELL, MARTINEZ,

DUNKERLEY, MCCracken, KIM AND COLE. I AM FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND I WAS THE FIRST EMPLOYEE OF THAT IN INDIA. AT THE OUTSET I WANT TO THANK ALL MUCH YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO GLOBALLY AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO COUNCILMEMBER KIM, COUNCILMEMBER COLE AND COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY. A COUNTRY AFTER BILLION PEOPLE DID NOT HAVE AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM LIKE 911. OUR CHAIRMAN FELT THAT WE NEEDED A SYSTEM AS THE AREA IS DEVELOPING RAPIDLY WITH 1.1 BILLION PEOPLE. THE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IS REQUIRED. AND HE AND HIS FAMILY CAME FORWARD TO START A NONPROFIT FOUNDATION TO START A SERVICE LIKE WHAT YOU HAVE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO COVER THE ENTIRE STATE INITIALLY AND THEN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY OF INDEPENDENT WHY. IF ABOUT THREE YEARS' TIME FRAME WE HAD 620 AMBULANCE WATER AND WASTEWATER 400 EMPLOYEES IN TWO STATES, AND WE ARE SERVING 108 LIVES -- WE ARE SAVING LIVES EVERYDAY. AND IN THE TWO YEARS TIME FRAME WITH 10,000 AMBULANCES WE HOPE FOR, ONE THOUSAND EMPLOYEES AND SEVERAL MILLION LIVES EVERY YEAR. WE HAD WONDERFUL SUPPORT FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND ESPECIALLY I WANT TO THANK PETE COLLINS, WHO VISITED US AND GAVE US A LOT OF INSIGHTS, AND HOW IT IS DONE HERE AND WHAT IS THAT ROAD MAP, HOW WE CAN TAKE YOUR HELP IN GOING FORWARD. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS CONTINUE IN THE WEEK AND MONTHS TO COME AND WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE. I HAVE A SHORT VIDEO THAT SHOWS THE SYSTEM.

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE DO. [MUSIC PLAYING]

WE ARE GRATE TOFL THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK MR. PETE COL LIENS FOR -- MR. PETE COL FLOIN BEING VERY HELPFUL TO US. THANK YOU FOR THE COOPERATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WE HAVE A FEW MORE FOLKS TO GIVE US TESTIMONY.

HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS (INDISCERNIBLE), I'M A LOCAL ATTORNEY HERE IN AUSTIN AND A BOARD MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN ASIAN AMERICAN CHAMBERCHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M HERE TO SAY THAT THE ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITY FULLY SUPPORTS THIS ALLIANCE. THE AUSTIN 911 PROGRAM CAN LEVERAGE ITS KNOWLEDGE AND STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY IN INDIA TO BASICALLY GIVE LIFE TO SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE. AND PETE COLLINS HAS ALREADY TAKEN FOUR TRIPS TO INDIA TO HELP IN THIS EFFORT. HE IS THE TECHNOLOGY LEAD FOR AUSTIN'S 911 PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SO AGAIN, ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENTS BEFORE I TAKE A LITTLE BIT MORE CITIZEN TESTIMONY ON OUR PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA? IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAD A COUPLE OF FOLKS, ALTHOUGH ITEM NUMBER 4 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN, LEXENE SPILLMAN WAS HERE. IF YOU WILL LIKE TO GIVE US TESTIMONY EVEN THOUGH NUMBER 4 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN, YOU'RE WELCOME TO DO

THAT AT THIS TIME. AND GUS PENA HAD SIGNED UP WISH TO GO GIVE US TESTIMONY ON ITEMS 18 AND/OR 19. WELCOME, GUS.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY MANAGER. GUS PENA. FIRST OF ALL, MR. MANAGER, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR INSIGHT AND INPUT ON ALL THE THINGS GOING ON IN THE CITY. MY COMMENTS BEFORE WERE YOU'RE A GOOD INDIVIDUAL, COMPETENT, FAIR. THEY STILL REMAIN LIKE THAT. I APPRECIATE YOU. MY RESPECT FOR YOU HAS GROWN. MAYOR, I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBERS 18 AND 19. AND THIS IS REGARDING FUNDING AND STIPENDS FOR THE SUMMER JOB PROGRAM. BACK IN 1967 MY FIRST APPEARANCE AT A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING IN FRONT OF THEM, ONE OF THE THINGS WE SPOKE ABOUT WAS DISCRIMINATION AT JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL. THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK SPANISH. THERE WAS JOB EMPLOYMENT FOR THE YOUTH AND STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF AUSTIN, SPECIFICALLY TRAVIS, LC ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL, THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT BEEN HERE, LC ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL WAS THE FIRST HIGH SCHOOL IN EAST AUSTIN, AFRICAN-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL, AND WE FOUGHT TO KEEP IT OPEN. WE LOST. BUT ANYWAY, IT HAD A PROUD TRADITION. WE HAD AN AGREEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT BACK IN 1967 TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT TO THE STUDENTS ON A PART-TIME BASIS BECAUSE THE LABOR LAW WAS MORE STRICT BACK THEN, AND IT'S STRICT NOW. WHEN JEFF FREEDMAN RAN FOR MAYOR, I WASN'T INVOLVE IN HIS CAMPAIGN, A LOT OF US FROM EAST AUSTIN SAID WE NEED THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR KIDS TO KEEP THEM OUT OF CONTROL, KEEP THEM IN ORGED ACTIVITIES, KEEP THEM AWAY FROM ORGANIZED CRIME. AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED IT COULD HAVE BEEN SOMEBODY ELSE, BUT JEFF FRIEDMAN WAS THE PERSON WHO REALLY WAS THE MASTERMIND AT ESTABLISHING SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH HERE IN AUSTIN, SPECIFICALLY FOR EAST AUSTIN YOUTH. MY POINT IN BEING HERE IS THIS, AND AS I TOLD THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, I SAID EXPAND THE PROGRAM, GET AS MANY OF THE KIDS -- THE YOUTH AS POSSIBLE INVOLVED IN THIS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, KEEP THEM OUT OF PROBLEMS. SUMMER IS A VERY TOUGH TIME TO STAY ACTIVE. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE LIBRARIES OPEN, THEN THEY WILL GO DOWN THE STREETS WHERE THEY WILL FIND IT AND GET INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. NOT ALL OF THEM, BUT SOME OF THEM WILL. I AM ASKING YOU RESPECTFULLY, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, MR. MANAGER, PLEASE EXPAND AND INCREASE THE POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE KIDS. THE FUNDS THAT ARE ALLOCATED TO THIS OPPORTUNITY IS WELL WORTH THE EFFORT. I DON'T KNOW ANY TAXPAYER WHO WILL SAY NO, NO, LET'S NOT EXPAND IT. ANYWAY, THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THESE ISSUES. QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE NUMBER 50, I DON'T KNOW WHO WOULD BE AGAINST IT. WE'RE ALL SUPPORTING IT. IT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO. BUT YOUTH PROGRAMS, EXPAND IT, INCREASE IT. VERY WELL DONE. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. PENA. LET'S SEE. IN ITEM NUMBER 48 WE HAD A COUPLE OF FOLKS WHO WANTED TO GIVE US AFFIRMATIVE TESTIMONY. IS DAVID WITTY STILL HERE? DAVID WITTY AND SARAH WATKINS HAD SIGNED UP IN FAVOR OF ITEM NUMBER 48, WHICH IS ON THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA. SO WE'LL NOTE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE

RECORD.

Martinez: MAYOR? I HAD A QUESTION ON ITEM 11 FOR ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER LURIE.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MR. LURIE.

Martinez: GOOD MORNING, DAVID. ON THE DAY LABOR SITE, THIS IS KIND OF A LEASE RENEWAL OR EXTENSION, BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY OF THE DATA THAT WOULD TELL US WHETHER OR NOT THE SITE IS ACTUALLY SERVING ITS PURPOSE UNTIL AUGUST. SO HOW DO WE PLAN ON ADDRESSING -- IF WE'RE GOING TO RENEW A LEASE FOR A YEAR, WHAT HAPPENS IN AUGUST IF WE FIND OUT THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SOME CHANGES THAT COULD INCLUDE NO LONGER OPERATING THE SITE?

RIGHT, COUNCILMEMBER. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THIS. DAVID LURIE, ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER. YOU'LL RECALL THAT YOU APPROVED A SECOND DAY LABOR SITE AND ARE GOING FORWARD WITH A SUBLEASE LAST MAY. IT WAS FOR ONE YEAR, A PILOT PROGRAM, AND OUR INTENT WAS TO COME BACK AND REPORT, EVALUATE OUR PROGRESS IN TERMS OF THAT PROGRAM. SO THEN YOU WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO CONTINUE IT. THE LEASE WAS APPROVED IN MAY. IT TOOK US A COUPLE OF MONTHS BECAUSE WE HAD TO MAKE SOME STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO RESTROOMS, THE FENCING FOR THE NEIGHBOR, AND ALSO HIRING STAFF AND GETTING THE PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING. SO THE ACTUAL PROGRAM WASN'T FULLY OPERATIONAL UNTIL INTO THE SUMMER, THE JULY-AUGUST PERIOD. SO WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING, COUNCILMEMBER; THAT WE HAVE A FULL YEAR OF DATA AND EXPERIENCE WITH THE PROGRAM. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, SPRING AND SUMMER ARE THE MOST ACTIVE MONTHS IN TERMS OF DAY LABOR PROGRAMS. ALSO, WE THINK IT WILL BE HELPFUL IN OUR EVALUATION TO SEE WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION WE GATHER THROUGH THE ROADSIDE SOLICITATION SURVEY THAT'S ALSO GOING TO HAPPEN THIS SUMMER, AND THEN FINALLY WE THINK THIS DECISION SHOULD BE LOOKED AT IN THE CONTEXT OF NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. SO OUR INTENTION IS TO COMPLETE THAT EVALUATION, REPORT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE IN AUGUST AND THEN YOU WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT GOING FORWARD. I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT MAKING A FULL YEAR COMMITMENT IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS, AND OUR PREVIOUS -- OUR EXISTING SUBLEASE INCLUDED A 60-DAY TERMINATION CLAUSE. WE TALKED TO THE MIDNIGHT RODEO FOLKS WHO WE SUBLEASE THIS PROPERTY FROM, AND THEY'VE AGREED TO A 30-DAY TERMINATION CLAUSE. SO IN EFFECT ONCE WE DECIDE IN AUGUST, WITHIN 30 DAYS THEN ACTION CAN BE TAKEN AND WE'RE NOT NECESSARILY LOCKED IN FOR A FULL 12-MONTH PERIOD. SO WE BELIEVE THIS GIVES US MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY.

Martinez: THANK YOU, DAVID.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. LURIE. AGAIN, FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON OUR PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA? WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE. THAT BEING ESSENTIALLY ALL ITEMS EXCEPT FOR 50 AND 15 ARE EITHER BEING APPROVED OR HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN OR POSTPONED. COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ? YES, DAVID, SORRY, I CALLED YOUR NAME EARLIER ON ITEM NUMBER 48. YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME GIVE US TESTIMONY. DAVID WITTY AND/OR SARAH WATKINS. DAVID, ITEM NUMBER 48 IS ON THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENCY TO BE APPROVED. WELCOME.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. I WANT TO SPEAK YOU ON ITEM 48 JUST BRIEFLY. I APPRECIATE YOU APPROVING THAT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. BECAUSE BASIC ACCESSIBILITY AND VISITABILITY IS VERY IMPORTANT IN HOUSING, IT'S AN ISSUE THAT FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES -- BY THE WAY, MY NAME IS DAVID WITTY WITH ADAPT OF TEXAS AND GRASSROOTS DISABILITY RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. AND WE'VE BEEN VOCKING FOR BASIC -- BEEN ADVOCATE FOG BASIC LEVEL OF REQUIREMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN NEW CONSTRUCTION IN SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND DUPLEXES. CURRENTLY THE CODE EXISTS FOR PUBLICLY FUNDED ASSISTED HOUSING UNITS OF THAT DESCRIPTION. AND WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORT TO INCLUDE THAT VISITABILITY LEVEL OF ACCESSIBILITY IN PRIVATELY FUNDED HOUSING AS WELL BECAUSE HOMES BUILT WITH BASIC ACCESS HAVE AN ENORMOUS APPEAL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND ALL FAMILIES WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES. I'VE LIVED IN MANY HOUSES AND HOMES AND RENTAL UNITS HERE IN AUSTIN THAT DON'T HAVE ACCESSIBILITY. I'VE LIVED IN PLACES UP ON THE UNIVERSITY AREA WHERE I HAD TO WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE ME UP AND DOWN THE STEPS OF MY OWN FRONT PORCH. I'VE LIVED IN HOMES IN AUSTIN WHERE I COULDN'T GET IN THE BATHROOM WITHOUT CRAWLING IN. BASICALLY ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE TEMPORARY DISABILITY OR DECREASED MOBILITY DUE TO AGING WILL IMPROVE THE LIVES OF EVERYONE IN THEIR FAMILY. THESE BASIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS ARE JUST FUNDAMENTAL UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES SUCH AS A SINGLE NO STEP ENTRANCE. IT COULD BE IN THE FRONT, THE BACK, THE SIDE, THE GARAGE ENTRANCE, ANY DOORWAYS THROUGH THE LEVEL -- THROUGH THE FIRST LEVEL OF THE HOME SHOULD BE AT LEAST 32 INCHES WIDE AND THE HALLWAYS WOULD BE AT LEAST 36 INCHES WIDE WITH REINFORCED WALLS IN THE BATHROOM NEAR THE TOILET AND BATHTUB SO THAT GRAB BARS CAN BE INSTALLED LATER IF NEEDED. AND WITH LIGHT SWITCHES AND ELECTRICAL CONTROLS THAT ARE ACCESSIBILITY. THIS BASIC ACCESS IS NOT A MAJOR COST WHEN IT'S DONE AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION. AND BASICALLY IT WOULD IMPROVE THE LIVES OF ANYONE WHO IS LIVING IN THAT UNIT NOW OR IN THE FUTURE. IT ALSO WOULD MAKE IT FOBL ME TO VISIT MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AND FOR YOU TO DO THE SAME. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, DAVID. WELCOME, SARAH. YOU TOO WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

MY NAME IS SARAH WATKINS, I'M ALSO WITH ADAPT OF TEXAS. AND I'M GOING TO ECHO A LOT OF WHAT DAVID HAS SAID WITH REGARD TO THE VISITABILITY RESOLUTION. PARTICULARLY ALONG THE LINES OF ACCESS. IF THESE KINDS OF THINGS GET PASSED AND HOUSING GETS BUILT THAT IS BASICALLY VISITABLE, IT'S GOING TO BENEFIT A LOT OF

PEOPLE IN THE LONG RUN. YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT'S YOUR GRANDMA COMING OVER FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER OR YOUR CHILD THAT GETS INTO A SKI ACCIDENT OR JUST IN THE AGING PROCESS, IT'S GOING TO ALLOW A LOT MORE PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES FOR A LOT LONGER AND AVOID INSTITUTIONALIZATION AND COSTLY REMODELS LATER ON. IT MAKES A WHOLE LOT OF SENSE FROM A WHOLE LOT OF ANGLES TO PROMOTE SOMETHING LIKE THIS AT THE START. AND WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT IN PUSHING A RESOLUTION TO MAKE ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION VISITABLE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SARAH. AND I THINK OUR FINAL SPEAKER TO GIVE US TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM IS STEVEN ALLER WHO JUST SIGNED UP. IS STEVEN NOW IN THE ROOM? THANK YOU, SARAH. STEVEN, TIEW WILL HAVE THREE MINUTE. WELCOME.

GOOD MORNING, COUNCILMEMBERS, MAYOR, CITY MANAGER. MY NAME IS STEVEN OLIVER, I'M A LOCAL ARCHITECT AND PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE AUSTIN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS. I SUPPORT A REQUEST TO NOT ADOPT THE STATED RESOLUTION IN ITS CURRENT FORM, BUT RATHER ENCOURAGE THE NECESSARY DIALOGUE WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS, CONCERNED CITIZENS, CITY LEADERS AND STAFF TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CURRENT ISSUES SURROUNDING POTENTIAL VISITABILITY FOR ALL NEW NON-PUBLICLY FUNDED SINGLE-FAMILY AND DUPLEX HOMES. ARCHITECTS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE DESIGN OF A BARRIER FREE ENVIRONMENT AND CAN PLAY A VALUABLE ROLE IN BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE BROAD IMPACT OF CHANGES TO THAT PEOPLE ACT OF SECTION 51 OF THE CITY CODE. IN FACT, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP HAVE ALREADY STARTED GATHERING WORTHWHILE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO BEST MOVE OUR VISITABILITY STANDARDS FORWARD IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER. IN ORDER TO PROPERLY AND SUCCESSFULLY MEET THE CHANGING DEMANDS OF LIVING IN THIS COMMUNITY, WE NEED TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF CHANGES TO OUR CURRENT VISITABILITY STANDARD, VISITABILITY IS NOT JUST FOCUSING ON CREATE AGRICULTURE BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES. WITH THE AGING OF THE BABY BOOMER GENERATION, IT WILL BE INCREASINGLY DESIRABLE TO THINK ABOUT OUR OPTIONS FOR SENIORS TO AGE IN PLACE. AUSTIN HAS BEEN A LEADER IN THE COUNTRY WITH RESPECT TO VISITABILITY SINCE 1998, AND AS AN ARCHITECT I APPRECIATE THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO REVISIT THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. THIS RESOLUTION AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS TOUCHES ON MANY AREAS OF CONCERN. NUMBER ONE, PROPERTY RIGHTS. TWO, VARYING DEGREES OF FINANCIAL IMPACT. THREE, GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF IMPACT. FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE ARE NEW HOMES ACTUALLY BEING BUILT? COMPLEXITIES OF INDIVIDUAL LOTS AND THOUGHTFUL DESIGN SOLUTIONS. AND COMPLICATIONS OF PRESCRIPTIVE REQUIREMENTS. BY GRANTING AN EXTENSION AND NOT RUSH TO GO A RESOLUTION, I BELIEVE WE BEGIN TO GIVE OURSELVES THE OPPORTUNITY TO THINK CAREFULLY WITH AS MUCH INFORMATION ON THE TABLE AS POSSIBLE ON HOW TO REASONABLY SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CITIZENS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. OLIVER. MAYOR PRO TEM?

Dunkerley: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO THE SPEAKER THAT WE ARE STARTING THIS PROCESS, AND I COMMUNICATED YESTERDAY -- I SHOULD HAVE DONE IT EARLIER -- WITH HOME BUILDERS, AND THEY'RE GOING TO CERTAINLY TRY TO WORK WITH US TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO. WE HAVE IN OUR CODE CURRENTLY SEVERAL OF THE VISITABILITY ITEMS ALREADY IN THE CODE. SO WHAT THIS IS IS TO LOOK AT THOSE THINGS THAT REALLY MAKE SENSE TO DO THAT ARE MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO DO NOW THAN LATER. AND LEON BARBER, I BELIEVE, IS THE STAFF PERSON WHO WILL BE TRYING TO GET A GROUP TOGETHER TO LOOK AT THIS. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP. AND SOME OF THE THINGS ARE VERY SIMPLE LIKE REINFORCING BATHROOM WALLS. THAT'S MUCH, MUCH HARDER TO PUT THOSE RAILS UP IN THAT SHEETROCK LATER THAN IT IS TO HAVE A PIECE OF WOOD BEHIND THERE. SO I WOULD APPRECIATE YOU LOOKING AT THOSE THINGS AND WORKING WITH THE STAFF TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO MOVE THE VISITABILITY ALONG.

AIA AND THE LOCAL ARCHITECTS OFFER OURSELVES AS RESOURCES.

Dunkerley: BESIDES I'M GETTING REALLY OLD AND I REALLY NEED THAT. [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. OUR FINAL SPEAKER HAS JOINED US. WELCOME BACK, HARRY. TAKE YOUR TIME. YOU TOO WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, MY NAME IS HARRY SAVVY, THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER AUSTIN. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 900 MEMBERS NOW. OUR MEMBER FIRMS CONSTRUCT 95% OF THE HOMES BUILT IN THIS METROPOLITAN AREA. OUR ASSOCIATION WORKS WITH GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC, BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN FIVE COUNTIES TO PROTECT EVERY FAMILY'S RIGHT AND ABILITY TO OWN A HOME. TO SEE THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR US WAS A SURPRISE. OVER THE LAST YEAR THE HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY HAS ABSORBED A NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE, NEW WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS, A NEW ENERGY REQUIREMENTS THAT SIGNIFICANTLY ARE ABOVE THE NATIONAL STANDARD. THE McMANSION ORDINANCE WITH ITS REVISIONS AND THEN IN THE FACE OF ALL THAT MAJOR NATIONAL CHANGES IN UNDERWRITING STANDARDS. LAST YEAR BUILDING PERMITS WERE DOWN 25% OVER THE PEAK. AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE DOWN ANOTHER 25% THIS YEAR. THE LEADERSHIP IN OUR ORGANIZATION IS ONE TO BE DEEPLY COOPERATIVE IN LEGITIMATE PUBLIC INTERESTS. FLAMPLE, THE WORK THAT OUR ASSOCIATION DID ON THE MAYOR'S ENERGY TASKFORCE I THINK WAS EXEMPLARY. WE BROUGHT PROFESSIONAL INPUT THAT MET THE CITY'S GOALS WHILE KEEPING THE COST IMPACT TO A MINIMUM. WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AND OUR NATIONAL FEDERATION MAINTAINS FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS WORK WITH THAT BODY TO ENSURE THAT COST EFFECTIVE MEASURES ARE TRULY SERVING THE PUBLIC NEEDS ARE ADOPTED. IN THE CASE OF THE ADOPTION OF

THESE SOCIAL NEW CODES, WE SHOULD ALL RECOGNIZE THAT THE COST IS GOING TO IMPACT MOST THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT THE LEAST. WE ASSERT THAT THE COST IS SIGNIFICANT, BUT MOST IMPORTANT IS THE FACT THAT THERE'S BEEN NO ATTEMPT TO SIT DOWN WITH THE HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY TO HELP DEFINE THE ISSUES TO WHERE WE COULD UNDERSTAND THEM, DEVELOP ACCURATE RUMT OF THE COSTS, WEIGH THOSE COSTS ADDED TO ALL HOMES AS COMPARED TO THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THOSE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHETHER THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES. AS WE HAVE SEEN FROM OUR MODELS THAT HAVE PRODUCED GOOD RESULTS FOR THE CITY, OUR HBA IS WILLING TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEERS TO SIT DOWN AND PROVIDE JUSTIFIABLE RESULTS. HOWEVER, TO DO SO ALL OF US NEED A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME. A 60-DAY EXTENSION FOR AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL ADD SIGNIFICANT COST IS NOT ONLY FAIR, IT'S THE SMART THING TO DO. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. I WILL SAY THAT HARRY DOES BRING UP THE POINT ABOUT THE WORK THAT --

Dunkerley: I SAID THANK YOU FOR OFFERING TO HELP YESTERDAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. AND HE DID MAKE A GOOD POINT, THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION WAS INSTRUMENTAL WHEN IT CAME TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES THAT WE NOW REQUIRE ON ALL NEW HOMES BUILT IN AUSTIN. THEY SPENT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT AND ULTIMATELY PRICED ALL OF THOSE ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS FOR THE TASKFORCE, ULTIMATELY SUGGESTING TO THE COUNCIL THAT WE DO ADOPT THOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW HOMES BUILT HERE IN AUSTIN FROM AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDPOINT. AND THE MATH SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. SO IT WAS A GREAT EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THE HOME BUILDERS TO HELP US WITH THAT MATH. SO THANK YOU, HARRY. COUNCILMEMBER COLE.

Cole: I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD TO MR. SAVIO THAT WE HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR AND WE RECOGNIZE THE BUILDERS ARE GOING THROUGH A SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIME AND THAT THESE INITIATIVES THAT WE LAUNCH SOMETIME MAY INVOLVE COSTS, BUT WE'RE PUT IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO BALANCE THAT COST AGAINST THE EVER INCREASING NEED OF OUR BABY BOOMER GENERATION AND OUR DISABLED COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE THAT WE COULD FIND SOME BALANCE HERE WITH THESE TWO COMPETING INTERESTS, AND WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE OFFERED TO HELP AND I'M PROUD TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: AGAIN, FOR THE RECORD, THIS ITEM 48 IS DEREKING THE CITY MANAGER JUST TO INITIATE THOSE AMENDMENTS. THERE'S A FORMAL PROCESS AND IT COULD TAKE AS LONG AS WE ALL DEEM IT NEEDS TO TAKE. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? I THINK WE'VE GONE THROUGH ALL OUR CITIZEN TESTIMONY. SO HEARING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE? OPPOSE SND MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SO COUNCIL, IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME, OF THE TWO DISCUSSION ITEMS WE HAVE TO TAKE UP THIS MORNING, ONE HAS A NUMBER OF CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US TESTIMONY, THAT BEING ITEM NUMBER 50, SO WITHOUT OBJECTION I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 50 BEFORE WE TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 15. AND HEAR TESTIMONY FROM A NUMBER OF FOLKS. ITEM NUMBER 15 IS APPROVING A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY AREAS WITHIN THE BUDGET TO CONDUCT FACILITATED COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE HISPANIC-LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES IN AUSTIN. PERHAPS I'LL RECOGNIZE ONE OF THE SPONSORS, COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: THANK YOU, MAYOR. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING DOWN THIS MORNING. THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ITEM THAT SIMPLY SPEAKS TO MOVING INTO THE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SEEK THE FIRST YEAR OF FUNDING FOR AN HISPANIC QUALITY OF LIFE REPORT. WHAT WE SAW IN THE CULMINATION OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE REPORT, IN THE FINAL REPORT TWO WEEKS AGO WAS THAT THAT REPORT IDENTIFIED KEY AREAS THAT WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF. AND NOT JUST BE MINDFUL OF, BUT IMPLEMENT NEW POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AND MAKE NEW COMMITMENTS, WHETHER IT'S FINANCIAL OR STAFF RESOURCES TO THOSE KEY AREAS. AND I THINK IT'S TIME WE HAVE THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY AS WELL. AND WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE GROUP OF FOLKS WHO ARE WILLING TO COMMIT THE NECESSARY TIME TO DO THE REPORT, AND I THINK WE'LL SEE THAT THIS WILL BE A GUIDING, BE LIVING DOCUMENT AND IT WILL HELP US NOT JUST IN THE NEXT YEARS, BUT IN 10, 20 YEARS IF WE GET AHEAD OF THE CURVE RIGHT NOW. WE SEE THAT THE LATINO POPULATION IS THE LARGEST MINORITY POPULATION. 56% OF OUR SCHOOL -- 56% OF ALL STUDENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS ARE HISPANIC. BUT AT THE SAME TIME THE HIGHEST DROPOUT RATE IS HISPANICS. AND THOSE TWO STATISTICS CAN'T COINCIDE. THEY CAN'T CONTINUE TO GO DOWN THAT SAME PATH. AND THAT'S JUST ONE SMALL PART OF IT. I BELIEVE THAT THE ISSUE OF IMMIGRATION IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY. AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF THE IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION TO OUR OPPORTUNITY. JUST AS MANY LATINOS ARE MOVING TO AUSTIN AS THERE ARE CALIFORNIANS. SOME WOULD ARGUE THAT IT'S WAY MORE THAN THE CALIFORNIANS. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS IT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT WE HAVE TO ADDRESS. SO I WANT TO THANK THE FOLKS THAT HAVE COMMITTED THEIR SUPPORT, THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS AND I'D LIKE TO ASK A FEW OF THEM TO COME UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS. I THINK SOME OF THEM HAVE SIGNED UP.

Mayor Wynn: WE HAD A NUMBER OF FOLK. WE HAD ABOUT 11 OR 12 FOLKS SIGNED UP. THEY'RE ALL WELCOME TO GIVE US TESTIMONY IF THEY SO DESIRE. AND THEN A BUNCH OF FOLKS SIGNED UP NOT WISH TO GO SPEAK, IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM, ABOUT 50 OF THOSE FOLKS. SO LIES IS ALIZA MAY, WELCOME.

BEAUTIFUL. GOOD MORNING. MR. MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER OTT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY. IN OUR

PRESENTATION TODAY WE ARE DONING THIS INITIATIVE AS OPPORTUNITY FOR PROSPERITY, HISPANIC QUALITY OF LIFE. I'M GOING TO ASK AT THIS TIME FOR THOSE NUMBERS IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE HERE SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION TO PLEASE STAND BECAUSE WE HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE LINEUP OF INDIVIDUALS. THESE ARE OUR LEADERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THESE ARE MEMBERS WHO WORK WITH US ON DAY IN AND DAY OUT ISSUES AND WE'RE HAPPY THAT THEY'RE HERE AND THEY HAVE TAKEN TIME FROM THEIR WORK SCHEDULE TO COME SHOW SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE. AS WE CALLED OUR PEERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO NOTIFY THEM OF TODAY'S RESOLUTION, SOME ASKED WHY NOW HISPANIC QUALITY OF LIFE? IN SPANISH MANY PEOPLE TOLD US BASICALLY (SPEAKING SPANISH) SIMPLY PUT, THE ACCELERATED HISPANIC POPULATION GROWTH COMPELS US TO EXAMINE OUR OPPORTUNITIES AS A CITY WHICH EMBRACES ITS DIVERSITY. [SPEAKING SPANISH] CITY STATISTICS BEG THE QUESTION, IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PROSPERITY IN AUSTIN NAND THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY NOT YET REALIZED AND CAPTURED AS A CITY? LESS LOOK AT A FEW -- LET'S LOOK AT A FEW STATISTICS THAT EXPLAIN OUR CHANGING ENVIRONMENT AND DEMONSTRATE THE IMPACT ON FUTURE SERVICES. FACTS ABOUT HISPANICS IN THE GREATER AUSTIN COMMUNITY. OVER 460,000 HISPANICS LIVE IN THE AREA. BETWEEN 2000 AND 2006, THE HISPANIC POPULATION GREW BY 35%. IT IS EXPECTED BY THE YEAR 2011 OVER 70 PERCENT OF HISPANICS IN THE COMMUNITY OF AUSTIN WILL BE UNDER THE AGE OF 19 AND OVER 80% WILL BE UNDER THE AGE OF 35. HISPANIC HOUSEHOLDS IN AUSTIN ACCOUNT FOR 7.9 BILLION IN ANNUAL SPENDING. HISPANIC STUDENTS REPRESENT OVER 60% OF THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT. MOST HISPANICS IN AUSTIN EARN BETWEEN 35 TO 75,000 A YEAR. THESE FACTS PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITY'S PROSPERITY IF WE ACT TO BUILD ON THE SOCIAL CAPITAL OFFERED BY THIS POPULATION. IF YOU LOOK AT THE CHARTS THAT FOLLOW, THESE CHARTS WILL GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT AFTER PICTURE, SNAPSHOT PICTURE OF HOW THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY FARES IN THE AREA OF POVERTY RATES, EDUCATION, AS WELL AS MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME AS COMPARED TO THE CITY AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU LOOK AT THE CITY IN THE POVERTY RATES -- [BUZZER SOUNDS]

Mayor Wynn: SO DO YOU HAVE I GUESS MAYBE A STRUCTURED PRESENTATION?

YES. I'M ALMOST DONE WITH THIS.

Mayor Wynn: JUST GO THROUGH THE PROGRAM. THAT'S FINE.

THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT, MR. MAYOR. AGAIN, POVERTY RATES IF YOU LOOK AT THE CITY'S POVERTY RATE IT'S AT 14.4% WHEREAS THE HISPANIC POVERTY RATE ALMOST MEASURES AT 21 PERCENT. EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, HISPANICS ARE AT 15% OF HIGHER EDUCATION ATTAINMENT WHILE OVERRULE AT THE CITY WE FARED ABOUT 40.4%. NEEDLESS TO SAY OUR ANGLO COMMUNITY AND OUR ASIAN COMMUNITY TOWERS IN THE AREA OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WE WOULD LIKE TO OUR LADY OF THE LAKE COMMUNITY FALL IN THAT RANGE. WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR FAMILY MEDIAN INCOME, ONCE

AGAIN IT IS REFLECTIVE -- ONE CAN MAKE THE CORRELATION, THE EDUCATION WOULD THEN SUCCEED YOUR INCOME LEVEL. I'M A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP TO THE SALTILLO DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CAPITAL METRO, 11 ACRES, BETWEEN I-35 AND COMAL. AND WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND COMMEND YOU FOR THE ACTION TAKEN RECENTLY TO ENSURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY PROVIDING DENSITY AND HEIGHT IN PARTICULAR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN EAST AUSTIN TO THE DEVELOPMENT THAT IS POPPING UP AT EVERY TURN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. WE JUST AREN'T READY TO COMPETE IN ORDER TO BENEFIT FROM THE CHANGES. WE JUST AREN'T READY TO COMPETE. AND MAY INSTEAD BECOME CASUALTIES OF THE NEW GROWTH INSTEAD OF SHARING IN ITS REWARDS. I JUST WANT TO SHARE, I HAVE A ROUTINE I DO WITH MY SISTER DIANE EVERY MORNING. WE GO TO THE POST OFFICE, WE GO TO THE BANK, WE GO DELIVER PACKAGES, MAIL TO OUR CHILDREN STUDYING AWAY FROM HOME. AND EVERYDAY WE SEE SOMETHING NEW. IT'S AS IF WHILE WE'RE ASLEEP AT NIGHT SOMETHING ELSE POPS UP. AND THE FEELING WE BOTH GET ARE SO SIMILAR. IT'S LIKE ARE WE READY? CAN WE KEEP UP? LIKE IT'S HAPPENING TOO QUICK FOR US. ON ONE OF THOSE TRIPS WE WENT TO THE POST OFFICE AND GOT OUR PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT. WE CLOSED OUR EYES, HELD OUR BRETSZ, OPEN IT HAD UP AND SAW IT HAD RISEN. I SAID THIS YEAR I AM NOT GOING TO PROTEST BECAUSE THEY'RE ALWAYS SO COMPASSIONATE WITH ME AND ALL SO HELPFUL THAT I'M EMBARRASSED. ONE DAY THE GUY IS GOING TO SAY LISTEN, LADY, IF THE PROPERTY TAXES ARE TOO HIGH, EXPAND, DIVERSIFY, MOVE, DO SOMETHING, WAKE UP. I'M JUST NOT GOING TO DO IT. I WOULD LIKE TO STUDY EVERY SMALL BUSINESS IN EAST AUSTIN, MINORITY OWNED, AND RECOMMEND WAYS TO ENSURE THEIR SUSTAINABILITY AND SUCCESS. ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE PEOPLE NATIVE TO THE AREA AND ARE IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION AND DISPLACEMENT. WHEN MY SISTER LEFT ME THIS MORNING, I SAID WHAT DO YOU THINK THE BIGGEST ISSUE IS FOR US? SHE SAYS, IT'S SIMPLE. WHETHER WE STAY OR WHETHER WE'LL HAVE TO GO. THAT'S IT. I THINK IT MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE TO DO THIS STUDY BECAUSE HISPANICS ARE THE LARGEST CONSUMERS NOW AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE AND THE WORKFORCE OF OUR NEXT GENERATION. THANK YOU. TODAY WE HAVE A CULTURAL CENTER DESIGNED BY ONE OF THE GREATEST ARCHITECTS IN MEXICO. AUSTIN HAS THE TALENTED MOVIE DIRECTOR ROBERT RODRIGUEZ. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] PLEASE SUPPORT THE HISPANIC QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE. IT IS NOT JUST FOR THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY, IT IS FOR ALL THE COMMUNITIES THIS IS STORE AUSTIN. MORE THAN ANYTHING, IT WILL SHOW OUR COMMONALITIES AND MAKE AUSTIN A GREATER CITY. THANK YOU [APPLAUSE]

RITY THAT GARZA.

GOOD. -- HRITA GARZA.

WE ARE HERE TO URGE THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL FOR SUPPORT A LONG OVERDUE HISPANIC QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE. AS THE BLUE LIGHT DISTRICT DIRECTER, I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ON A REGULAR BASIS THE DISPARITIES THAT EXIST FOR LATINOS IN

AUSTIN AND WITNESS THE RESULTS OF THOSE DISPARITIES. THE LIST COULD GO ON. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO URGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE INVESTMENT IN THEIR LARGEST MINORITY POPULATION, 34%, WHO HAVE THE HIGHEST POVERTY RATE AND LOWEST EDUCATION ATTAINMENT RATES IN AUSTIN. IF THE CITY FAILS TO TAKE ACTION TO REVERSE THESE STATISTICS ALL THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN WILL FAIL TO ENJOY THE QUALITY OF LIFE TODAY. MOST ESPECIALLY, A SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION WHICH IS THE MAJORITY MINORITY AND WHO WILL BE IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE OF MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION IN THE CITY. IN THE CASE OF LATINOS WHO MAKE UP 34% OF THE POPULATION AND WHO WILL LIKELY MAKE UP OVER 50% OF THE POPULATION BY 20/20, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE INVEST IN EFFORTS TO SECURE A GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL LATINOS IN AUSTIN, CITIZENS AND NONCITIZENS. I URGE AUSTIN TO JOIN FORCES AND REVERSE THESE NEGATIVE TRENDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. INTO THANK YOU, RITA. [APPLAUSE]

JEFFREY RICHARDS.

MAYOR WYNN: WELCOME BACK, MR. RICHARDS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER. IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO STAND AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 50 THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING TODAY. I WANT TO BRING A PERSPECTIVE THAT IS UNIQUE WHEN I, AS A CITIZEN, CO-CHAIR PART OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE. I'M TALK BEING A PERSONAL ROLE. DURING THAT TIME WE HAD SIX FOCUS AREAS THAT I THINK MAY NOT BE ALL THAT DISSIMILAR TO WHAT WE MAY DISCOVER WITH THE HISPANIC QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE. THOSE SIX AREAS WERE EMPLOYMENT AND HE WOULD INDICATION WHICH I WAS PLEASE -- AND EDUCATION, WHICH I WAS PLEASED TO CO-CHAIR. HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY, HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD SUSTAINABILITY, ARTS AND RECREATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, I DARE SAY THOSE ISSUES ARE NOT ALL THAT DISSIMILAR FROM OUR COMMUNITIES. MY PARTICULAR ROLE WAS TO CO-LEAD THE EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION AREA. WITH CON SILL'S -- COUNCIL'S HELP WE WORKED ON EMPLOYMENT TUNES FOR EXOFFENDERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN COLLEGE WHO NEEDED A LEG UP WITH INTERNSHIPS. I WAS PLEASED TO BE JOINED BY ME COLLEAGUE ON THE BOARD OF ACC, WHO IS HERE, AND WE WORKED ON INITIATIVES WITH SCHOOL SYSTEMS, WHERE, AS YOU MAY RECALL OR MAY KNOW, THE DISCIPLINENARY REFERRALS HAVE AN IMPACT ON PERSONS OF COLOR, BLACK AND BROWN KIDS. WE DID THAT THROUGH A SUSTAINED EFFORT, NOT A FLASH IN THE PAN BUT A PERIOD OF ONE OR TWO YEARS. WE TALKED ABOUT CO-DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY, CITY PROPERTY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY. I THINK THE TIME HAS COME TO CONSIDER THIS CONSIDERATION. MY FAVORITE PHILOSOPHER WAYNE GRETZKY SAYS YOU WANT TO SKATE TO WHERE THE PUCK IS GOING TO BE. FULLY 40% OF THE PERSONS WE SERVE ARE OF HISPANIC ORIGIN. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT AND I WILL END BY SAYING -- [SPANISH]

THANK YOU.

PRESIDENT AND CEO OF CAPITAL AREA UNITED WAY.

MAYOR WYNN, COUNCIL MEMBERS, IT IS NICE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE HISPANIC QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ, LEFFINGWELL AND COLE FOR PUTTING THIS ISSUE IN FRONT OF THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE SEEING A GROWTH IN THE GOOD MORNING IN THIS -- WE ARE SEEING A GAP IN THE GROWTH OF THE COMMUNITY, THOSE DOING WELL AND THOSE DOING NOT SO WELL. WE ARE SEEING AREAS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND IN AND THAT RELATES AROUND ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE GOING FORWARD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THESE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS YOU ARE SEEING HERE, SEEING HOW WE ARE ENGAGE WITH THIS HISPANIC COMMUNITY. WE HAVE THREE PHASES OF THIS. TALKING TO THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY, ASKING THEM WHAT ARE THE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THEM. THE SECOND ASPECT, HOW DO WE ENGAGE THEM AROUND VOLUNTEERING AND ENGAGEMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THE LAST THING I WOULD BE SAYING IN THAT CONTEXT IS WHAT IS THE ACTION. IT IS GOOD THAT WE'RE ANALYZING THIS AND IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE STARTING A DIALOGUE BUT WE HAVE TO START ACTION. IN SUPPORT OF THIS INITIATIVE, I BELIEVE WE HAVE A CRITICAL TIME RIGHT NOW, AND I DON'T THINK WE EXAGGERATE, I THINK WE HAVE FIVE YEARS TO GET IN FRONT OF THIS ISSUE AND IF WE DON'T, 10, 20 YEARS FROM NOW WE WILL LOOK BACK AT THIS AND SAY WE HAVE LOST AN OPPORTUNITY. WITH A COMMUNITY THAT SO SO PROSPEROUS, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT TRENDS OUR FUTURE IS REALLY DEPENDENT ON THIS ISSUE AND OTHERS THAT WE CLOSE THIS GAP IN THIS COMMUNITY. I REALLY WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AT THIS AND I ALSO WANT TO BE SAYING THIS IS NOT A ONE OR TWO YEAR INITIATIVE. AT MINIMUM THIS IS 10 YEARS TO BRING ABOUT CLOSING THIS GAP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU.

PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE GREATER AUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

MAYOR WYNN: WELCOME BACK.

MR. MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE TO ADDRESS THIS MORNING. I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT INITIATIVE ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR HISPANICS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A BOLD LEADERSHIP POSITION ONCE AGAIN, AND IN DOING SO CAPTURE PROSPERITY FOR THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, HOUSING AND OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE WITH THE FASTEST-GROWING DEMOGRAPHIC IN OUR FAIR CITY. I URGE TO YOU EXERCISE YOUR VISION AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES OF A DIVERSE AND PROUD COMMUNITY AND ENSURE THAT AUSTIN TRULY RECONCILES AND EMBRACES DIVERSITY AND RECOGNIZING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES FOR ALL WHO CHOSE TO LIVE AND WORK AMONG US. IT

IS MY HOPE THAT THIS INITIATIVE WILL SERVE AS A MODEL FOR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES IN THE GREATER AUSTIN AREA, SO THAT ALL OF AUSTIN'S RESIDENTS, ALONG WITH OUR REGIONAL NEIGHBORS CAN REAP THE FULL BENEFIT OF THE SHINING BEACON OF LEADERSHIP IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. THANK YOU, ONCE AGAIN.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER, THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION TODAY. AGAIN, WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ FOR HIS INITIATIVE AND BOLDNESS IN MOVING THIS FORWARD AND CERTAINLY WE ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE REGARDING THE PRESENTATION TODAY.

THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF ANY OF OUR CITIZENS, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: THANKS, MAYOR. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE AGAIN AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE WORK WE ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK UPON. IT IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY OR QUICK BUT IT IS GOING TO BE RIGHT AND THAT IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT. SO THANK YOU ALL.

THANK YOU [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER KIM.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: I WANT TO COMMENT COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND THOSE WORKING ON THIS. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. THE HISPANIC POPULATION IS ONE-THIRD OF OUR POPULATION, A VERY FAST-GROWING POPULATION. AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE, AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT I BELIEVE. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO REALLY DO SOMETHING AND IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS A GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE AND ESPECIALLY OUR HISPANIC POPULATION AND MAKING SURE THERE IS ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. ONE THING I'M MOST PROUD OF FOR THIS COUNCIL IS ACKNOWLEDGING WE WANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE GREENWATER TREATMENT SITE AND THAT USED TO BE INHABITED BY HISPANIC FAMILIES BEFORE THEY MOVED WITH THE 1928 AGREEMENT AND I THINK IT IS WONDERFUL WE'RE FINALLY SAYING HISPANIC FAMILIES, MODERATE MEAN, MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES, CAN LIVE IN DOWNTOWN DAWES THAT IS WHERE IT STARTED. IT STATED WITH WORKING CLASS FAMILIES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND THAT IS HOW TO GET IT RIGHT WITH ALL TYPES OF HOUSING IN ALL PARTS OF TOWN, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GROWING LATINO/HISPANIC POPULATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND IF I CAN DO ANYTHING TO SUPPORT YOU, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER [APPLAUSE] I THINK I JUMPED THE GUN A LITTLE BIT, THERE IS STILL A COUPLE FOLKS THAT WANTED TO GIVE INDIVIDUAL

TESTIMONY. WELCOME. AND IF ANYONE ELSE SIGNED UP WISHING TO ADDRESS THIS WOULD CARE TO, PLEASE STEP FORWARD.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER. I'M WITH THE PEOPLE ORGANIZED IN DEFENSE OF THE EARTH AND HER NATURAL RESOURCES. I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT AS WE LOOK AT THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF LATINOS, HISPANIC, CHICANOS, THAT WE LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN. THAT IS ONE THING WE ACTUALLY NEED TO LOOK AT. I WANT TO THANK COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ AND SHERYL COLE WHEN THEY SPONSORED THE RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE, ALONG WITH THE EARTH ALLEGATION AGREEMENT, THE SPRINGS PRESERVE, THAT IS A TREMENDOUS PROJECT FOR EAST AUSTIN IN TAKING CARE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR SPRINGS. ALSO THE COLORADO RIVER PARK IN PRESERVING THAT PARK TO CREATE A BALANCE BETWEEN NATURE AND HUMANITY, TO US THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT. BUT AS WE LOOK FORWARD AT EDUCATION AND HEALTH, WE'VE GOT TO LOOK AT EVEN THOUGH THIS COUNCIL MADE HISTORY IN 2003 BY REZONING OVER 600 PROPERTIES THAT WERE ZONED INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICE, ONE IN OUR COMMUNITY, THE FACT IS WE STILL HAVE SUCH INDUSTRIES AS PURE CASTING WHICH IS A SERIES OF CHEMICALS RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM SAVALA ELEMENTARY, AND WE HAVE SEEN ACTUALLY THAT THIS CHEMICAL HAS GONE ON INTO THE COMMUNITY AND INTO THE AIR. SO EVEN THOUGH, AS WE BEGIN TO LOOK AT THESE ISSUES, WE'VE GOT TO LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE ALL KNOW THAT IF THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY, OF OUR CHILDREN ARE IMPACTED, IT WON'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS YOU HAVE, IF THEY ARE DAMAGED MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY, THEY WILL BE LIMITED IN THE THINGS THEY CAN ACCOMPLISH IN THEIR LIVES SO WE'VE GOT TO LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENT AND WHAT IS IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND SHIFTING THOSE, BECAUSE WE NOW HAVE A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY OF CLOSING THAT AND PUTTING IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THERE ARE A LOT 6 INDUSTRIAL SITES THAT DON'T BELONG, THAT HAVE BEEN GRANDFATHERED IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT CAN NOW BEGIN TO SHIFT AND CHANGE. NOW WE LOOK AT EMPLOYMENT AND THE GREEN INDUSTRIES. WILL PEOPLE OF COLOR ONLY BE WORKING AS LABORERS OR WILL THEY BE MANAGERS AND OWNERS IN THE GREEN INDUSTRY. WE KNOW THAT THE GREEN EMPLOYMENT IS COMING AND THAT IS THE NEXT WAVE AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE OUR PEOPLE ARE SITTING THERE AS MANAGERS AND LEADERS AND TRAINING OUR NEXT GENERATION TO ALSO BE IN THAT PARTICULAR SPOT. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY WE SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE AND AS WE LOOK FORWARD WE MUST NOT FORGET THE ENVIRONMENTAL PART OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND, OF COURSE, IN AUSTIN AS A WHOLE AND IN THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. THANK YOU [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. MISS RIVERA, WELCOME.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M ACTUALLY HERE TO ADDRESS YOU AS AN APPOINTEE OF YOURS. TWO YEARS AGO, I HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING AS THE CHAIR OF THE JOINT TASK FORCE BETWEEN THE CITY AND AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

DISTRICT, STUDENTS, HISPANIC STUDENT QUALITY OF LIFE. FROM THAT TASK FORCE THERE WAS A REPORT THAT WAS GENERATED SO I'M HERE TO REMIND THAT YOU WE USE THAT REPORT WHEN WE BEGAN THIS INITIATIVE AND I'M HOPING YOU WILL SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE AND INTEGRATE IT INTO THE INITIATIVE BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF HARD WORK AND TIME THAT TOOK PLACE. THIS IS NOT THE BEGINNING BUT THE NEXT STEP. YOU ALREADY BEGAN AN INITIATIVE TWO YEARS AGO THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT ON THAT TASK FORCE, SO THANK YOU.

THANK YOU [APPLAUSE] MISS LOPEZ-PHELPS, WELCOME.

MAYOR, COUNCIL. THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS IMPORTANT TO OUR YOUTH, AND AS WE ALL KNOW THE YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE. IT IS SOMETHING THAT THE GREATER HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND EVERYONE HERE HAS BEEN SPEAKING TO TODAY. MANY OF YOU KNOW WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP A PRIME GROUP IN EAST AUSTIN, RIVER CITY YOUTH FOUNDATION. FOR MANY YEARS, THAT AREA HAS BEEN IGNORED, HAS NOT REALLY BEEN INVOLVED. PARTICIPATED BUT NOT HAD THE CITY REALLY HELP SEND RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT INTO THAT AREA. RIVER CITY YOUTH HAS VERY STRONG PROGRAMS THAT HELP THE YOUTH, WHICH INCLUDES TUTORING SERVICES, COMPUTER TRAINING, STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS. THEY'VE ACTUALLY GROWN INTO PROVIDING PARENT/STUDENT EVENTS, THE FATHERS HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING QUITE A BIT. WE HAVE HOLIDAY EVENTS JUST TO NAME A FEW. SOME OF YOU ALL HAVE ATTENDED SOME OF THESE FUNCTIONS. TWO EVENTS RIVER CITY HAS HAD, ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS HAS GROWN FROM SERVING 40 CHILDREN AND THIS YEAR 700 CHILDREN, PLUS THE PARENTS, AND THAT HAS BEEN REALLY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP EFFORTS WE'VE HAD WITH WORKING WITH OUR CLIENTS AND OUR FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND PARTNER IN THAT EVERYTHING FOR THE FOR THE RIVER CITY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN EAST AUSTIN, THE HISPANIC CHILDREN, AND OTHER PROGRAMS SUCH AS. THIS WE HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS TO THANK, THE CHAMBER HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP. AND WE'VE HAD A LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT HAS REALLY HELPED US GROW THIS LEVEL WITH COUNCILMEMBER MIKE MARTINEZ AND WE REALLY THANK YOU FOR THIS. YOU'VE TAKEN US TO THE NEXT LEVEL IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. SOME OTHER GROUPS THAT PROVIDED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEER HOURS HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE EXTENT FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE HISPANIC FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, AUSTIN POLICE ASSOCIATION AND THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE MEXICANS ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS GROUP. AND OUR CLIENTS AND FRIENDS AND PEOPLE WE'VE GROWN TO KNOW AND DEVELOPED RELATIONSHIPS HERE? AUSTIN. I WANT TO THANK YOU THE COUNCIL MEMBER FOR HELPING US WITH THIS. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT RIVER CITY YOUTH, IT IS BASICALLY A BEACON TO THE AREA FOR OUR YOUTH. THEY'VE HELPED SOME OF OUR YOUTH CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES, STAY IN HIGH SCHOOL. SOME GONE ON TO TECHNICAL TRAINING AND EVEN TO COLLEGE AND GAINING A COLLEGE DEGREE. SO THERE IS HOPE THERE, AND THERE IS AN INITIATIVE THAT HAS STARTED IN A VERY SMALL

LEVEL FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR YOUTH, AND WE ARE COMMENDING YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ AND MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR BRINGING BRINGING THIS FORWARD. WE'RE HERE TO HELP FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, AMEIIA. WELCOME.

MY NAME IS JOSE, I'M A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I WASN'T PLANNING TO SPEAK SO YOU WILL EXCUSE ME IF I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS. WE FIRMLY SUPPORT THE QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE AND WE VIEW IT AS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD ON SUCCESS IN EVERY ONE OF THESE COMMUNITIES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THERE ARE KIDS AND PARENTS WHO ARE MAKING IT AND THERE ARE A LOT OF STORIES THAT WE WILL FIND OUT AND CONNECTIONS THAT WILL BE MADE WHEN WE ENGAGE AND CONTACT THE COMMUNITY. WE'VE HAD SUCH AN EXPLOSIVE GROWTH IN OUR POPULATION THAT INSTITUTIONS ARE STRUGGLING TO CATCH UP. WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE CONTACTS IN PLACE WITH OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. THIS WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE, TO ENGAGE, AND TO CALL TO ACTION. SO I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS IN SPANISH TO THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY [SPEAKING SPANISH]

WE STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER CITIZEN TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM, NUMBER 50. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COMMENTS? COUNCIL MEMBER COLE. WELCOME, MISS GALE. YOU TOO WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN. COUNCIL MEMBERS. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. DOES ANYONE HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON THIS, HOW MUCH IT WILL COST?

WE DON'T HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT BUT IT WAS ABOUT \$730,000 SO I ASSUME IT IS SIMILAR TO THAT.

THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER. THERE ARE SO MANY QUESTIONS THAT ARE BROUGHT UP BY THIS. IF YOU'RE SAY THAT MAJORITY OF POPULATION WILL BE LATINO, THEN WHAT ABOUT THE POPULATIONS THAT ARE BECOMING EVEN MORE AND MORE MINORITY. THE EUROPEAN, AFRICANS, ASIANS, HOW ARE WE GOING TO ADDRESS THEM AND YOUR STATISTICSES DIDN'T LOOK VERY GOOD FOR THOSE EITHER. BLUE LACK AND OTHER GROUPS ARE THE VERY REASON WE ARE HAVING PROBLEMS IN AUSTIN. WE HAVE ALL THESE CULTURE ACTIVITIES THAT CITIZENS ARE PAYING FOR, TENS OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR, AND IT IS IN ACTUALITY IT IS SELLING OUT AN ENTIRE POPULATION OF LATINOS. THIS IS ANOTHER PAY OFF THAT YOU ARE CREATING HERE. WASN'T IT JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WE GAVE NEARLY \$150,000 TO THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, A PRIVATE ENTITY. WHAT HAPPENED TO PUBLIC/PRIVATE? THE

POWER PLANT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED DOWN IN 2004, THAT IS WHAT THESE PAY OFFS ARE FOR, FOR THE CONTINUAL HARASSMENT OF THE POLICE TO THE LATINO POPULATION. THE DESTROYING OF EAST AUSTIN. ALL THESE GROUPS ARE ENABLING THIS CITY COUNCIL TO DESTROY THE LATINO COMMUNITY EAST AUSTIN. THOSE AREN'T EES AUSTIN HOMES THAT ARE BEING BUILT ON 6th AND 7th STREET, WE'RE NOT EVEN TALKING ABOUT IMMIGRANTS COMING FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. THAT ARE NOT GOING TO BENEFIT FROM DENSITY BONUSES. DENSITY BONUSES WILL ONLY HELP THE WEALTHIER PEOPLE. DENSITY MEANS THAT TAXES ARE GOING TO SKYROCKET, SO THE VERY THING YOU'RE OFFERING IS A VERY DESTRUCTION OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY AND I DON'T THINK IT IS RIGHT.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MISS GALE. ANY ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY REGARDING THIS ITEM NUMBER 50? COUNCIL MEMBER COLE.

COUNCIL MEMBER COLE: THERE ARE SO MANY TIMES THAT WE, AS A COUNCIL, ARE FACED WITH DIFFICULT DECISIONS AND HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF NOT BEING SENSITIVE TO THE FLIGHT OF OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND HISPANIC COMMUNITY. IT IS A RARE OCCASION THAT WE ACT WITH SUCH UNANIMOUS POSITIVE FORCE TO SAY THAT WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD AND WE CARE AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN AUSTIN MUST SHOW PROSPERITY FOR ALL. SO I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE, AND OF COURSE I'M PROUD OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INITIATIVE THAT WAS DONE AND I'M PROUD OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME FORWARD THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY IN THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY BUT ALSO THE GREATER COMMUNITY AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT, BUT MOST OF ALL, I'M PROUD OF MY COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBERS, FURTHER COMMENTS? MAYOR PRO TEM.

MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLEY: THIS INITIATIVE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING OUR LOCAL AREA TODAY, AND THAT IS EVERYBODY PARTICIPATES IN THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF THIS CITY, AND I THINK THAT AS WE DID WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE, I THINK WE ALL NEED TO GET BEHIND THIS EFFORT AND REALIZE THAT ALL OF OUR YOUTH AND ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE POCKETS THAT NEED HELP AND I THINK WE NEED TO CONTINUE ON WITH THE EFFORTS THAT WE STARTED WITH THE HISPANIC GROUPS, WITH AISD AND A FEW YEARS AGO, AND EXPAND ON THAT AND AND CARRY IT FORWARD AND I'M GOING TO BE VERY SUPPORTIVE [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: SO MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 50 AS PRESENTED. FURTHER COMMENTS? I WILL JUST SAY THERE WAS, FRANKLY, A VERY LEGITIMATE QUESTION ABOUT FISCAL IMPACT BUT TECHNICALLY WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE IS DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY AREAS WITHIN THIS UP-COMING BUDGET TO FACILITY THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WILL THEN ALLOW US AS A LARGER COMMUNITY TO FRAME WHAT

LIKELY WOULD BE A MULTI-YEAR, VERY SIGNIFICANT, VERY JUDICIOUS APPROACH TO THE ISSUE. A MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH [APPLAUSE] COUNCIL, I THINK THAT LOAF US WITH ITEM 15 TO TAKE UP BEFORE OUR NOON CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. TECHNICALLY, ITEM 15 IS ALWAYS PULLED OFF THE CITIZEN AGENDA BECAUSE THIS IS AN ISSUE OF US CHOOSING A FIRM FOR THE STAFF TO THEN NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH. AND THIS IS REGARDING THE WALLER CREEK MASTER PLAN. PERHAPS A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE PROCESS AND WHAT GOT US TO THIS POINT AND THEN WE'LL OPEN UP FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS. FOLKS, IF YOU COULD PLEASE TAKE YOUR CONVERSATIONS OUT IN THE FOYER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS FOR THE RFQ FOR THE WALLER CREEK MASTER PLAN. THE OBJECTIVES STATED WERE TO ASSIST THE CITY AND THE COMMUNITY IN THE CREATION OF A VISION AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATER CREEK FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS. ALSO, TO PRODUCE A MASTER PLAN, DESIGN GUIDANCE, REGULATING PLAN, AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY THAT PROVIDES BE FOR THE CREATION OF A MIXED USE, PEDESTRIAN AND TRANSIT-SUPPORTIVE DEVELOPMENT. AS STATED IN THE RFQ DOCUMENTS, THE SELECTION PROCESS THAT WAS COMMUNICATED CITY STAFF WILL EVALUATE THE RESPONSES TO THIS RFQ, CONDUCT INTERVIEWS AND SELECT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE FIRMS AS FINALISTS, BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPLIANCE IN THESE DOCUMENTS AND THEN STAFF WILL PRESENT A LIST OF FINALISTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL. THE PROCESS THAT WAS USED AS OUR STANDARD REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROCESS HAS BEEN USED SEVERAL TIMES IN OUR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT, THERE WAS A NOTICE OF ISSUANCE ACCEPT OUT TO 380 FIRMS THAT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DOING THIS TYPE OF WORK AND PUTTING THE SOLICITATION ADVERTISEMENT ON OUR CITY PURCHASING SITE. THE RFQ WAS PICKED UP AND OBTAINED BY 57 FIRMS. 51 FIRMS ATTENDED THE PRE-RESPONSE MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2007. SEVEN FIRMS SUBMITTED QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS TO THE CITY. OF THOSE, FIVE FIRMS WERE EVALUATED TWO WERE DEEMED NONCOMPLIANT TO THE RFQ, AND OF THOSE, AM, THROUGH THE EVALUATION PROCESS, THREE WERE SHORT-LISTED BASED ON THEIR EVALUATION SCORES. HERE WE HAVE THE COMPOSITE SCORES FOR THE THREE FINALISTS. BASED ON THE CRITERIA USED FOR RFQs, ROMA DESIGN GROUP SCORED 90.6, SASAKI SCORED 84.2 AND URS CORPORATION SCORED 82. IN ADDITION, THE THREE TOP FIRMS THAT WERE SHORT LISTED WERE ALSO INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEW PROCESS WITH THE EVALUATION PANEL, AND THE RESULT OF THAT INTERVIEW PROCESS WERE THAT ROMA DO SIGN GROUP SCORED A 23.3 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 25. SAKE SCORED 21.3 AND URS CORPORATION SCORED 20.5. THE TOTAL SCORE FOR ROMA DESIGN GROUP WAS 113.9 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 1255 POINT, AND SAKE WAS 105.5 AND URS CORP WAS 102.5. SO THE RESULTS OF OUR VALUATION PROCESS AND OUR SCORING WAS THAT THE HIGHEST RANKED FIRM WITH THE ROMA DESIGN GROUP, A DESIGN STUDIO, JOINT

VENTURE, THAT IS RECOMMENDED TODAY ALTHOUGH THE THREE FINALISTS ARE LISTED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROCESS.

MAYOR WYNN: QUESTIONS OF 1256? COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL: I'VE GOT A QUESTION. YOU ASSIGN A NUMBER FROM THAT INTERVIEW. WHAT IS THE PROCESS YOU GO THROUGH DETERMINE WHAT THAT NUMBER IS?

THE INTERVIEW PROCESS WE USE IS, WE HAVE A STANDARD SET, NOT A STANDARD SET BUT A CONSISTENT SET OF QUESTIONS THAT ARE ESTABLISHED AND BY THE EVALUATION PANEL, ONCE THE EVALUATION CRITERIA IS DONE, THERE ARE A SET OF INTERVIEW QUESTIONS THAT ARE DEVELOPED, AND THEN THOSE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS ARE USED AND ASKED FOR EACH FIRM THAT IS INTERVIEWED. THEN BASED ON THAT, A FINAL SCORE IS GIVEN FOR THE INTERVIEW.

SO DO YOU ASK THE QUESTION AND IF THE ANSWER IS QUESTION, YOU GET TWO POINT, MAYBE ONE POINT, AND NO ZERO POINTS. IS THAT HOW IT WORKS?

I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO GET A DECISIONAL INFORMATION ON THAT YES, THERE IS A POINT VALUE ASSIGNED TO EACH QUESTION THAT IS ESTABLISHED.

IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN THE FUTURE TO SEE, HAVE A LITTLE MORE DETAIL ON HOW THAT MATRIX, HOW YOU COME UP WITH THE NUMBERS ON THAT MATRIX BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT IN ITS FINAL FORM, IT IS KIND OF DIFFICULT -- IT LOOKS SUBJECTIVE, IT IS HARD TO SEE OBJECTIVITY IN THERE AND I HOPE IT IS OBJECTIVE AND NOT SUBJECTIVE.

WE CAN PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION IN THE FUTURE BUT I WANT TO ASSURE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THE PROCESS WE GO THROUGH, WE TRY TO BE VERY FAIR AND CONSISTENT WITH HOW WE DEVELOP THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS AND HOW WE ASK THOSE QUESTIONS TO THE FIRMS THAT ARE INTERVIEWED. THERE IS A SET AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOCATED FOR EACH OF THE FIRMS INTERVIEWED SO WE TRY TO FOLLOW A VERY RIGOROUS PROCESS AND WE CAN PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION IN THE FUTURE.

FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COUNCIL MEMBER COLE.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHO SITS ON THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE AND HOW THAT IS DETERMINED?

THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE, TYPICALLY THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE PROJECT WILL INDICATE PERSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE EVALUATION PANEL, THEN THE PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATED -- AND TYPICALLY THE PANEL MEMBERS THAT ARE PROPOSED ARE BASED ON PARTICULAR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE THAT APPLY TO THE SUBJECT

MATTER PARTICIPATION SO IN THIS CASE WE HAVE PANEL MEMBERS SELECTED BASICALLY BECAUSE WE HAVE EXPERTISE APPLIED TO THE WALLER CREEK MASTER PLAN.

SO WE'RE TAKING PEOPLE FROM ONLY ONE DEPARTMENT OR -- BECAUSE THIS IS A MAJOR PROJECT THAT WE'VE DECIDED WE WANT TO BE FOR EVERYBODY AND RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS TO BE A WORLD CLASS DESTINATION SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE BRINGING THE FULL RESOURCES OF THE CITY TO BEAR ON THE DECISION FOR THE RFQs.

TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT TO THAT, THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE VALUATION PANEL, THE PANEL WAS MADE UP OF FIVE MEMBER, I BELIEVE, AND THEY WERE MEMBERS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING, AND OUR STAFF, WE HAVE A STAFF THAT LEADS THE PROCESS FROM A CONTRACT AND LAND MANAGEMENT AND THEY ARE PART OF THE PANEL AND FACILITY THE PROCESS AND WE ALSO HAVE A STAFF MEMBER FROM SMALL MINORITY RESOURCE THAT OBSERVES THE EVALUATION PLAN DOESN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE SCORING BUT OBSERVES THE EVALUATION PANEL PROCESS TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY.

WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION PROCESS DO THEY GO THROUGH IN TERMS OF BEING PREPARED TO MAKE THE DECISION?

THE CONTRACT LAND MANAGEMENT STAFF MEMBER THAT IS ASSIGNED TO OVERSEE THE PROCESS, THEY, UP FRONT, HAVE A TRAINING AND EDUCATION SESSION WITH THE EVALUATION PANEL MEMBERS TO EXPLAIN THE EVALUATION PROCESS, TO EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING TO OCCUR, AND ALSO TO EXPLAIN HOW TO APPLY THE EVALUATION CRITERIA. AND THE EVALUATION CRITERIA, AS COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL HAD MENTIONED, THAT ARE LISTED THERE, THEY EXPLAIN WHAT IS INCLUDED, WHAT IS THE CONTENT OF THOSE EVALUATION CRITERIA, HOW THEY SHOULD BE APPLIED WITH RESPECT TO THIS PARTICULAR RFQ.

GIVE US AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF THINGS THAT YOU WOULD BE PRESENTED WITH TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF ONE PARTICULAR COMPANY OVER ANOTHER. WOULD THEY ACTUALLY GIVE YOU DESIGNS, WOULD THEY DO A PRESENTATION, WOULD THEY SAY OTHER PROJECTS THAT THEY'VE WORKED ON IN THE PAST? BECAUSE WE'VE LOOKED AT EXAMPLES OF DOWNTOWN WATER WAYS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN SEATTLE, VANCOUVER, AND WE KNOW WE WANT THIS TO BE A WORLD CLASS DESTINATION AND I'M TRYING TO MAKE SURE THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE DECISION ON THE CONSULTANT ACTUALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT.

THE WAY THAT THE EVALUATION START, FIRST OF ALL WE RECEIVE SUBMITTALS IN THE RESPONDS TO THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS, SO WE RECEIVE ACTUALLY THE QUALIFICATION PROPOSALS FROM EACH OF THE CONSULTANTS, AND SO THAT IS WHERE WE START. AND SO WHAT THE EVALUATION PANEL HAS IS THEY GET EACH MUCH THOSE PROPOSALS FROM THOSE FIRMS THAT WERE ACTUALLY REVIEWED, AND THEY WILL GO

THROUGH EACH OF THOSE PROPOSALS AND THEY WILL APPLY THE EVALUATION CRITERIA TO THOSE PROPOSALS. THE PROPOSER OR THE FIRMS ARE INSTRUCTED IN THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN INFORMATION, AND THAT INFORMATION FOLLOW WHAT IS THE SELECTION CRITERIA IS INCLUDED IN THE SELECTION. THAT IS WHAT THE EVALUATION PANEL IS INSTRUCTED ON IS TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS AND APPLY THE STANDARD OF VALUATION CRITERIA, ONCE THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE MEAN. THAT IS THE FIRST PART I EXPLAINED AS FAR AS THE FIVE FIRMS THAT WERE EVALUATED. THE SECOND PART WAS THE THREE SHORT-LISTED FIRMS, TYPICALLY AN INTERVIEW PROCESS IS OPTIONAL. FOR THIS ONE IT WAS DEEMED BECAUSE WE HAD THE THREE FINALISTS WE WANTED TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW PROCESS AND THROUGH THAT PROCESS, AGAIN, WE SET UP SOME STANDARD INTERVIEW QUESTIONS AND SCORING AND APPLIED THOSE FOR EACH OF THE FIRMS.

COUNCIL MEMBER COLE: IS THIS A STANDARD PROCEDURE YOU GO THROUGH?

YES THIS IS A STANDARD PROCEDURE APPLIED TO ALL THE REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS.

COUNCIL MEMBER COLE: I GUESS THE RESPONSIBLE IF WE WANTED MORE INFORMATION BEFORE COUNCIL BEFORE WE MADE DECISIONS THAT WOULD BE A COUNCIL DETERMINATION AND THIS IS JUST WHAT HUH TO GO THROUGH AT THE TIME?

YES, MA'AM THIS IS OUR STANDARD PROCESS. IT WAS INDICATED AS I MENTIONED THERE WOULD BE AN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED IN ADDITION TO THE EVALUATION SCORING SO THAT WAS ALL COMMUNICATED UP FRONT. SO WE FOLLOWED OUR STANDARD PROCESS ALL THE WAY THROUGH THIS.

COUNCIL MEMBER COLE: ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER GEORGIA, YOU HAD A FEW -- GARZA, YOU HAD A FEW COMMENTS? I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE SEE THE PROCESS WAS FAIR AND OPEN AND YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

JUST TO COVER A COUPLE POINTS TO ADDRESS SPECIFICALLY THE QUESTION YOU ASKED ABOUT THE PANELISTS EXPERIENCE OR EXPERTISE, WHILE WE OBVIOUSLY I DON'T BE TALKING SPECIFICS, I CAN TELL YOU FOR EVERY SOLICITATION WE EMPANEL THE MEMBERS, THEY DO COME FROM THE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE THE EXPERTISE, THE BACKGROUND AND THE EXPERIENCE FOR THE PARTICULAR PROJECT, AND IN THIS CASE, THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT THAT CAN BRING SOMETHING TO THE TABLE IN KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE SO AS THEY GO FORWARD AND MAKE SURE DECISIONS THEY'RE BASING IT ON THEIR OWN PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT AND EXPERIENCE. WE WOULD NO HAVE ANYONE ON THE PANEL WITHOUT EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD AND ASK THEM TO MAKE THIS JUDGMENT CALL. I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE CLEAR THAT CLEAR AS PART OF THE PROCESS WE ENSURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING PEOPLE THAT

HAVE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE SPECIFIC PROJECT AT HAND.

SO IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL OPINION, WE WENT THROUGH FAIR AND OBJECTIVE PROCESS.

ABSOLUTELY.

COUNCIL MEMBER COLE: OKAY. I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, MAYOR.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL: SO THE STOP THREE RESPONDER, AS A RESULT SCORES ON THEM, THEY ALL LOOK VERY CLOSE TO ME. IS THERE ANY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN YOUR MIND IN THE QUALIFICATION OR THE ABILITY OF ANY OF THESE THREE TO DO THIS JOB BASED ON THOSE SCORED AND YOUR INTERVIEWED?

COUNCIL MEMBER --

COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL: WHAT I'M SAYING IS ARE THEY ALL THREE BASICALLY QUALIFIED AND BASICALLY EQUAL OR IS THERE A SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENT?

THE WAY I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO THAT IS THE TOP THREE FIRMS THAT WE SHORT-LIST DO MEET ALL OF THE MINIMUM STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS TO DO THE JOB. BUT THEN JUST AS PART OF THE PROCESS, AND EVALUATION OF THE SPECIFICS FOR EACH OF THE RESPONDENTS, WE DID DETERMINE THAT THERE WAS A HIGHER RANKING FIRM. BUT YES, DEFINITELY ALL THREE. WE WOULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT ONE OF THESE THREE IF THEY HAD NOT MET THE QUALIFICATIONS.

QUALIFICATIONS.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: DO WE HAVE AN EVALUATION IN THE MATRIX?

THE MATRIX IS BASICALLY A YES/NO QUESTION ON MINORITY PARTICIPATION AND THAT MATRIX WAS APPROVED BY COUNCIL IN TREE AND THAT IS PART OF THE STANDARD. BUT DOES THAT YES/NO ALSO IDENTIFY THE PERCENTAGE --

CAN I ASK YOU WHAT THE MY FORTY PARTICIPATION -- WHAT THE MINORITY PARTICIPATION RATES WERE?

YES, WE HAVE THOSE NUMBERS FOR YOU COUNCIL MEMBER. THE TOTAL FOR THE SUB CONSULTANTS WAS 16.5%. WE HAD AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN TOTAL, I'M REFERRING TO THE ROMA DESIGN GROUP, AFRICAN-AMERICAN TOTAL IS 1.7%. HISPANIC SUB TOTAL WAS 1.5%.

NATIVE AMERICAN WAS 5.3%, AND THE WBE TOTAL WAS 14.2%.

THAT WAS ROMA.

THAT WAS ROMA. FOR SASAKI, -- LET ME SAY ALL THREE DID MEET THE STATED GOALS. I'M GOING THROUGH WHAT WAS IN THE BACK UP MATERIALS. MBE TOTE AS WAS 1657% FOR SASAKI. AFRICAN-AMERICAN -- HISPANICS 1.5%, NATIVE ASIAN AMERICAN WAS 5.3%.

THE SAME NUMBERS YOU JUST GAVE FOR ROMA.

AND THEY HAD THE SAME NUMBERS FOR SASAKI AS WELL. FOR THE URS CORPORATION, THE MBE TOTAL WAS 17.5%. AFRICAN-AMERICAN SUB TOTAL WAS 2%. HISPANIC SUB TOTAL WAS 10%. NATIVE ASIAN AMERICAN WAS 5.5% AND THE WBE TOTAL WAS 15%.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER COLE.

COUNCIL MEMBER COLE: MAYOR, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THROUGH THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, THAT THIS WILL AND TWO-YEAR PROCESS AND WE HAVE DONE AN ACTUAL ORDINANCE WITH GREEN THAT WE PASSED AN ORDINANCE TO HELP GUIDE THE PROCESS AND I WILL BE BRINGING THAT FORWARD, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND MOVE THAT WE AUTHORIZE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH ROMA DESIGN GROUP,S, CONSISTENT WITH THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

SECOND WYNN MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLE, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON ITEM NUMBER 15. FURTHER COMMENT? COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL: I WANT TO SUPPORT THE MOTION, BUT I DO WANT TO STATE THAT I HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE ARE AWARDING ALL THESE PLANNING CONTRACTS TO THE SAME COMPANY. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT IS A GOOD THING OR NOT. I SUSPECT IT WOULD BE A DESIRABLE THING TO HAVE A LITTLE CROSS POLL INIZATION TO HAVE GROUPS IN OUR CITY TO GET A LITTLE BIT OF A DIFFERENT VIEWPOINT ON OCCASION. I KNOW THAT ROMA HAS DONE EXCELLENT WORK FOR THE CITY, THE MILLER DEVELOPMENT AND DOWNTOWN PLAN AND TRANSIT PLAN WHICH OF COURSE IS YET TO BE COMPLETED, AND I KNOW THEY'LL DO GOOD WORK ON THIS, I JUST HAVE THAT CONCERN THAT ALL OF THIS PLANNING IS DONE, BEING DONE BEIJING HE WILL ENTITY FOR THE CITY, BUT I'M GOING TO SUPPORT IT. WYNN MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE. I WILL JUST SAY I SHARE SOME OF THE CONCERNS, I THINK MANY OF US DO, THAT COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL POINTED OUT, AND I'D LOOK AT THE SURFACE TREATMENT OF WHAT WILL BE CHARACTERIZED IN THE FUTURE AS WALLER CREEK AS A REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THINK OF IT AS A STAND-ALONE OPPORTUNITY AND IT

SHOULD BE SOMETHING REALLY, REALLY, REALLY SPECIAL. AND IN SO MUCH SO THAT IT STANDS APART, IF YOU WILL, FROM THE REST OF DOWNTOWN IN A WAY, AND SO I'LL DO MY BEST I GUESS OVER THE NEXT YEAR TO TRY TO INSERT SOME, YOU KNOW, CREATIVE CHALLENGING DIALOGUE AND ANALYSIS ABOUT THAT CREEK'S SCAPE BECAUSE I THINK IT COULD BE THE, YOU KNOW, SPECIAL PLACE THAT IT SHOULD BE. SO MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE. ITEM NUMBER 15. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. SO COUNCIL THAT TAKES US TO THE MORNING BRIEFING. WE TYPICALLY POST THE NOON BRIEFINGS BUT I'M NOT SURE WHY BECAUSE WE NEVER GET THROUGH THE CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND WE NEED TO GO INTO LUNCH AND EXECUTIVE SESSION BUT MY RECOMMENDATION AND WE STAY ON THE DAIS AND AFTER THE 30 MINUTES OF CITIZEN COMMUNICATION WE WILL TAKE UP THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY TASK FORCE. SO OUR FIRST SPEAKER ON CITIZEN COMMUNICATION IS CAROLANNROSE KENNEDY WISHING TO ADDRESS US. FAIR ENOUGH. PAUL ROBBINS. SIGNED UP WISHING TO ADDRESS US. WELCOME BACK. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES TO BE FOLLOWED BY KAREN RENICK. SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCED THAT, KAREN.

AND I'M NOT GOING TO BEG YOU FOR ANYTHING. MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. I KIND OF WISH MISS COLE WERE HERE BUT CAN'T ARE EVERYTHING. I'M AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST AND CONSUMER ADVOCATE. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY AUSTIN UTILITIES, THE OLD SEA HOME POWER PLANT AND THE TREATMENT PLANT. THESE VALUABLE PROPERTIES ARE SLATED FOR REDEVELOPMENT. THE CITY COUNCIL IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION OF BEING BOTH STEWARDS OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND AND THE CITY'S ELECTRIC AND WATER UTILITIES. AT TIMES, THIS PUTS THE GENERAL FUND AND THE UTILITIES IN CONFLICT BECAUSE THEY ARE AT LEAST THEORETICALLY SEPARATE FISCAL ENTITIES. THERE IS A CONFLICT IN LAW. MISS DUNKERLEY, THIS IS IMPORTANT. EXPLAIN TO ME, WHY THE UTILITY, GIVING WAY LAND TO THE GENERAL FUND IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF UTILITY RATE PAYERS. TELL ME HOW THIS WILL NOT COME UP AS THE ISSUE IN THE NEXT WATER RATE CASES. WILL A PRIVATE UTILITY SUCH AS TEXAS GAS SERVICE OR ATT OR RAILROADS SUCH AS UNION PACIFIC DONATE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF PRIME DOWNTOWN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND? IT IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE. THE LAND THAT SEA HOME POWER PLANT IS LOCATED ON WAS OWNED BY AUSTIN ENERGY. THE STILL STILL WAS ORDERED TO GIVE THE -- THE UTILITY WAS ORDERED TO GIVE THE LAND TO THE GENERAL FUND WITHOUT A PENNY OF COMPENSATION AND TO MY KNOWLEDGE THERE WAS NOT EVEN AN APPRAISAL TO ESTABLISH ITS WORTH. THE COUNCIL TO CO HAVE ASKED THE OWNERS OF THE UTILITY, THE INVESTIGATOR, TO TRANSFER THE LAND BUT YOU DIDN'T IT COULD BE TRUE FOR GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT. ACCORDING TO THE UP.

, THE LAND IS VALUED AT \$55 MILLION THIS MONEY COULD BE INVALUABLE IN LOWERING WATER RATES. BUT ACCORDING TO CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, THE ONLY MONEY DEDICATED TO THE WATER UTILITY WILL BE FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE PLANT ITSELF. AND AGAIN, HOW CAN YOU DEFEND THIS IN A WATER RATE CASE AS PRUDENT. MY

OPINION MAY, IN PART, BE SHARED BY AN UNLIKELY ALLY, THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AN OLDER OPINION -- [BEEPING] I WILL HAVE TO DO THIS ON THE NEXT ONE, BUT JUST TO FINISH, I HAVE AN OPINION FROM 1989 STATING THAT TO SOME EFFECT A UTILITY MUST BE COMPENSATED FOR THE LAND THAT THEY ARE RELINQUISHING. AND IN CLOSING, IF YOU THINK REDEVELOPMENT OF SEAHOLM AND GREEN IS SUCH A GOOD THING, YOU SHOULD ASK THE RATE PAYERS TO FORGET THE LAND BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IT IS THE RATE PAYER'S ASSET THAT YOU ARE MANAGING. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. ROBBINS. COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL: LET ME JUST SAY I SHARE MR. ROBINS CONCERN ABOUT THIS AND IT HAS BEEN MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE GREEN SITE AND FROM THE SERVICE CENTER WOULD BE COMPENSATED, AND I WONDER IF WE COULD HAVE SOMEONE FROM STAFF COMMENT ON THAT NOW OR PROVIDE AN ANSWER LATER BECAUSE THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE UTILITIES WOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR THEIR PROPERTY.

I HOLD THE RESOLUTION THAT THE COUNCIL PASSED ON GREEN IN MY HANDS, AND ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T EXACTLY SAY WHAT DOLLAR GOES TO WHAT FUND, A LAYPERSON'S READING WOULD SAY THAT MOST OF THE GREEN LAND IS NOT GOING TO THE WATER UTILITY. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ACCOUNTING, JUST AS YOU WOULD.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. ROBBINS. AND COUNCIL WILL SECT EXPECT THAT ANSWER FROM STAFF.

KAREN RENICK.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK PERMISSION TO GO AT THE END. I'M HERE WITH TWO COLLEAGUES AND WE'RE PLENTYING TOGETHER. COT THREE OF US GO AT THE END, IS THAT POSSIBLE.

MAYOR WYNN: IF THEY ARE READY, COULD YOU GO NOW, THE THREE OF YOU.

SURE, AND I'M NOT THE FIRST SO MY COLLEAGUE VICKY KARP IS GOING TO GOING FIRST.

MAYOR WYNN: FAIR ENOUGH. OKAY. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES TO BE FOLLOWED BY JIMMY OR KAREN.

THANK YOU. HELLO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR WYNN. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. I'M VICKY KARP WITH VOTE RESCUE, AN AUSTIN-BASED INTEGRITY GROUP, AND A COALITION THAT REPRESENTS THOUSANDS OF VOTERS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE HERE TO BRING YOU STARTLING INFORMATION ABOUT THE VOTING MACHINES USED IN TRAVIS COUNTY AND THEREFORE, ALSO BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE'VE BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS TO SOUND THE ALARM

ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ELECTRONIC VOTING AND THE EASE WHICH RESULTS WITH BE TAMPERED WITH AND NO DIRECT PROOF CAN BE FOUND. IT IS NOT JUST OUR OPINION, IT IS A SAME OF FACT BACKED UP BUT VOLUMING OF EXPERT STUDIED. ALL ELECTRONIC VOTING RESULTS TO IS SECRET COUNTING. NOBODY EVER REALLY KNOWS FOR SURE IF OUR VOTES ARE PROPERLY COUNTED AND WE ARE LED TO BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRUST THE SYSTEM OR TRUST THE OFFICIAL, WE REFER TO THIS AS FAITH-BASED VOTING. WE HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE COUNTY ELECTION TEAM AND WE BELIEVE THEY HAVE THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY BUT WE BELIEVE FAITH AND TRUST SHOULD HAVE NO PLACE IN ANY VOTING SYSTEM. TODAY WE ARE HERE BECAUSE OF RECENT NEWS REGARDING THE VOTING MACHINES WE ARE USING IN THE CITY AND COUNTY. A FORMER THREE-YEAR PROGRAMMER FOR HART HAS FILED A FEDERAL FRAUD LAWSUIT ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THIS SUIT HAD BEEN FILED IN 2006 BUT WAS UNDER SEAL UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MARCH 27. ALTHOUGH SINGER HAS BEEN CALLED BY HART A DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEE, THE ACTUALLY EMPLOYEE RECORDS, WE HAVE DOCUMENTATION THAT INDICATES OTHERWISE. WE HAVE BROUGHT YOU A PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS TODAY, INCLUDING THE LAWSUIT AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS AND A BOOK WHICH I'M THE COEDITOR AND COAUTHOR. THE ARTICLE THAT WAS INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKAGE ABOUT THE HART LAWSUIT SUMMARIZED THE CASE ALENGTHED WILLIAM SINGER, THE COMPANY CHEATED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY FALSIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCURACY AND SECURITY OF ITS VOTING SYSTEM. HE ALENGTHED THAT HART LIED TO ELECTION -- ALLEGED THAT HART LIED TO ELECTION OFFICIALS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO OBTAIN FEDERAL MONEY ALLOCATED TO THE STATES. WE BROUGHT WITH US A COPTY COPY OF THE LAWSUIT TODAY. THE ALLEGATIONS TODAY ARE EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND BACKED BY OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT IS NOT JUST ALLEGATIONS BUT DETAILED STUDIES DONE BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND ONE IN OHIO AND COLORADO, ALL OF WHICH RESULTED IN THE DESSERT INDICATION OF THE -- RESULTED IN THE DECERTIFICATION IN THOSE STATES. WE HOPE YOU WILL AGREE THERE IS REASON FOR REASONABLE DOUBT AND WE'RE HOPING YOU WILL LET THE COUNTY KNOW THAT YOU KNOW LONGER WANT ELECTIONS TO BE HELD, YOU HAVE NATIONALLY NOT TRYING TO MITIGATE BEFORE THE UP-COMING CITY ELECTION BUT THE NO LONGER ALLOW THE MACHINES TO BE USED IN CITY ELECTIONS AND WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT OUR SOLUTION IN A MOMENT WHICH IS PAPER BALLOTS WITH ENHANCED SECUREMENT PROCEDURES. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MISS KARP. EITHER JIMMY OR KAREN.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR WYNN AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS KAREN RENICK AND I'M THE CO-FOUNDER OF VOTE RESCUE. IN MY SPARE TIME WHEN I'M NOT WORKING ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE OF SECRET VOTE COUNTING, I CARE FOR MY 13-YEAR-OLD SON OR I WORK AS AN ARCHITECT. I WANT TO BRIEFLY ADDRESS THE HANDFUL OF MANY MYTHS AND FALSEHOODS THAT CONFUSE THIS ISSUE AND PREVENT PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS YOURSELVES FROM TAKING CORRECTIVE MEASURES. BEFORE PRESENTING A FEW OF THESE, I WANT TO REITERATE THAT WE HAVE THE UTMOST

CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT FOR THE TRAVIS COUNTY CLERK AND HER AMAZING STAFF, AND WE'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OVER THE YEARS TO SIT DOWN WITH HER AND HER STAFF TO DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. THE THREE -- I'VE PICKED THREE AND FOUR, IF I CAN GET TO THIS, MYTHS OR MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT SURROUND THIS ISSUE OF USING ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF RECOUNTS, AND THIS IS ACTUALLY BEEN A PART OF A LAWSUIT THAT HAS BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE TYPE OF MACHINES WE USE IN TRAVIS COUNTY ARE CALLED DIRECT RECORD ELECTRONIC OR DRE MACHINES. THE OTHER TYPE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING IS OPTICAL SCANNERS. THE DREs, WHICH BASICALLY THERE IS NO PAPER PRODUCED WHAT SO EVER, CANNOT, YOU CANNOT HAVE A RECOUNT WITH THESE MACHINES, NO MATTER HOW MANY ASSURANCES YOU GET FROM THE COUNTY CLERK BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY THAT A SO-CALLED RECOUNT IS DONE IS BY SIMPLY PUSHING THE MACHINES BUTTON'S AND PRODUCING AN OUTPUT OF WHAT SUPPOSEDLY THE MACHINE RECORDED. AND SINCE DO WE NOT HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT WAS RECORDED BY THAT MACHINE, WE'RE BEING SPIT OUT WHATEVER THAT MACHINE WAS PROGRAMMED TO RECORD. SO WE DO NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF HAVING RECOUNTS. AND RECOUNTS ARE -- THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE AND THEREFORE THE USE OF THESE MACHINES VIOLATES THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE. THERE IS ALSO THE MYTH THAT THERE IS TRIPLE WE DUN TRIPLE REDUNDANCY WITH THESE MACHINES, WE LEARNED THROUGH THIS LAWSUIT AS WELL AS STUDIES DONE IN CALIFORNIA BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE THERE, THAT YES, THESE MACHINES DO VERY TRIPLE REDUNDANCY OR CAN PRODUCE THREE DIFFERENT REPORTS [BEEPING] THEY ARE USUALLY DIFFERENT AND NO ONE KNOWS WHICH IS THE CORRECT REPORT TO USE. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, KAREN. FINALLY, I THINK WE'LL HERE FROM JENNY CLARK. WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU FOR ASKING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITIZENS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CITY COUNCIL TODAY. I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE OR BEEN AWARE OF IT FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS. IT WAS 1999 OR THEREFORE THERE, I WATCHED A CITY COUNCIL MEETING THEY WERE PROMOTING HOW GREAT THE NEW VOTING MACHINES WOULD BE TO THE CITY COUNCIL. I RAN INTO DARRYL FLESHER THE OTHER DAY WHO WAS A COUNCIL MEMBER AT THAT TIME TO THANK HIM FOR BEING ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE TO QUESTION, YOU KNOW, THE SECURITY OF THESE MACHINES, AND HE TOLD ME THAT AT THAT TIME DANA HAD PROMISED THAT THESE MACHINES WOULD BE USED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. I SUBMIT TO YOU BASED ON THE EVIDENCE THAT YOU'VE HEARD TODAY AND THE MATERIALS YOU WILL RECEIVE THAT THE EXPERIMENT IS OVER, SO I SUGGEST WE RETURN TO A SIMPLER, MORE SECURE ELECTION SYSTEM, A HAND-COUNTED PAPER BALLOT SYSTEM. IN VICKY'S BOOK, "HACKED" THERE IS A CHAPTER BY AN ELECTION JUDGE IN TRAVIS COUNTY, I BELIEVE AT MATTHEWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SHE HAS BEEN AN ELECTION JUDGE FOR 35 YEARS AND SHE SAYS SHE IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEW ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES. PART OF HER JOB AN ELECTION WORKER IS TO PROVIDE CITIZEN OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITH VOTING, YET BECAUSE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING, LOCAL

OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARE EFFECTIVELY REMOVED. SHE POINTS OUT THAT THE NEWSPAPERS USED TO PUBLISH THE PRECINCT TOTALS THE DAY AFTER ELECTION, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN VOTING COUNTS ON ELECTION DAY AT THE PRECINCT LEVEL. ANY TIME YOU REMOVE THE VOTE COUNTS TO A LARGER CENTRAL TABULATING PLACE, THERE IS ROOM FOR ERROR AND FRAUD. SHE NOTES THAT SHE IS WELL AWARE OF PROBLEMS THAT CAN INTERFERE WITH GETTING THE POLLS OPEN AND OPERATING CORRECTLY. THAT HE HAD A POWER OUTAGE IN A RECENT ELECTION. SHE WANTS AS SYSTEM THAT IS EASY, CAN BE EXECUTED WITH MINIMAL EQUIPMENT, AND THAT VOTERS CAN UNDERSTAND EASILY, FOR HER THE ANSWER IS HAND COUNTED PAPER BALLOTS, SHE WRITES, THIS SYSTEM IS CHEAPER, EFFICIENT AND MORE TRANSPARENT FOR THE VOTER AND ELECTION WORKERS. WITH HAND-COUNTED PAPER BALLOTS, WE CAN LITERALLY VOTE ON THE CURB IF NECESSARY, CARRY MATERIALS TO THE NEAREST WINDOW AND USE NATURAL LIGHT TO VOTE. REGARDING THE COST OF ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES, WE'RE ALL VOLUNTEERS. ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS PUT TOGETHER A BRIEF COST ANALYSIS THAT I BELIEVE IS IN YOUR HAND OUTS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN JACKSON COUNTY, THINK PAID \$13,000 FOR A ONE ITEM ELECTION, WHERE ONLY 50 TO 100 PEOPLE VOTED. THE COUNTY CLERK CHUCKLED, WE COULD HAVE USED A TAB LEAF AND NUMBER TWO PENCIL. WE'RE ASKING THE CITY COUNCIL TO BAN THE USE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES USED IN ALL CITY ELECTIONS. YOU ALL ARE HAVING AN ELECTION THIS SATURDAY, I WOULD THINK THIS ISSUE WOULD GIVE YOU ALL PAUSE FOR CONCERN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MISS CLARK. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS SIGNED UP AS PAUL AVINA. THANK YOU, PAUL.

THANK YOU, MY NAME IS PAUL AVINA. FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS, I'VE BEEN TELLING BUT THESE PROSTITUTES, FINDING CUSTOMERS WHERE I LIVE, THERE IS THIEVES, WE HAVE OUR WITNESSES, AND THOSE THAT STOP US ON THE STREET OR KNOCK ON OUR DOORS, ALL OF THEM ARE AMERICANS AMERICANS. THE AUSTIN POLICE RESPONDED BY SETTING UP A ROADBLOCK AND CHECK POINT, GIVING TRAFFIC TICKETS TO HOUSEWIVES, WORKERS AND IMMIGRANTS. AFTER A COUPLE OF HOURS WITH NO MORRIS DENTS TO HIT YOU, -- WITH NO MORE RESIDENTS TO HIT AND NO PIMPS, THIEVES OR DRUG USERS WERE FOLLOWED. AFTER SEVEN REFUSALS TO INVESTIGATE IT AS A CRIME BY POLICE OFFICERS ON THE SPOT, A PROSECUTOR AND CORRUPT JUDGE, WHY BOTHER CHECKING TO SEE THIEVES IF YOU CAN CRASH INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD, BLOCK FREE MOVEMENT. THE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS OR TRAFFIC INITIATIVES, I NOTICE OFFICERS WITH MENTAL TROUBLE. IN ADDITION, AS THE TICKET GOES THROUGH PROCESS IN THE COURT SYSTEM, NO RULES OBSERVED. ON THE OTHER SIDE YOU HAVE THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE WITH NO ACCESS TO ARTS AND SCIENCE IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS, EMPLOYMENT DENIED THROUGHOUT THE CITY. AUSTIN ENERGY, THE AIRPORT, CAPITAL METRO, POLICE, EMERGENCY, EVEN UT. THEY DON'T WANT IT. THEN YOU SEND THE POLICE IN TO HARVEST ALL WHAT HAVE LITTLE THEY GATHER. AND YOU KNOW WHAT IT TAKES THEM ALMOST 20 YEARS TO MAKE WHAT YOUR CITY MANAGER MAKES IN ONE. YOU MAY KNOW THAT THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, MUCH IS ROUGHLY APD'S PAYROLL BUT

CRIME WITH THE APD IS TWICE AS HIGH AND EVEN UGLIER. AND WE HAVE A COUPLE OF GHETTOS WHERE PEOPLE ARE REALLY DESPERATE, BUT THE PRESENT TV COVER UP THIS NICELY FOR YOU. SO WHAT'S THE DEAL IN THIS 2002, APD BROUGHT IN 800,000 FROM ONE SINGLE STREET IN ONE OF THE MOST SHOWS OF COORDINATED FORCE FROM COP TO COURT. HUNDREDS OF CRIME COLTS WERE REJECTED. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON 25 YEARS AND THE WAY YOU RUN THIS COUNCIL IS GOING TO BE ANOTHER 25 BEFORE DO YOU ANYTHING FOR THIS POOR SAPS IN EAST AUSTIN. IF YOU TALK TO US, WE RATHER HAVE THE THIEVES AROUND, AT LEAST IT IS IN KNOWN FORMS. KEEP WATCH, HE INSISTS ON STAYING AWAY FROM REAL CRIME. THANK YOU. WYNN THANK YOU, MR. AVINA. WELCOME, GUS. THANK YOU.

THANKS. YOU TOO WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, TO BE FOLLOWED BY PHILIP DICK.

HELLO COUNCIL MEMBERS, GUS PENA AGAIN. I'M HERE REGARDING A COUPLE ITEMS. I WANT TO SAY I HAVE THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR STEVE MORGAN, OUR AUDITOR, AND I WORKED WORKED WITH HIS PREDECESSOR WHO RETIRED AROUND STEVE TOOK OVER, THEY'VE DONE A GREAT JOB AND BROUGHT THINGS TO THE FOREFRONT TO YOU ALL AND THE MEDIA. ONE EXCEPTION I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IS THIS, THE HELICOPTER ISSUE AT APD. I STRONGLY SUPPORT KEEPING THE HELICOPTER. WE ARE ONE OF THE FEW THAT STARTED THE DIALOGUE BEFORE THE HELICOPTER BACK IN '95 AND '96 AND OTHER ISSUES TO SUPPORT OUR OFFICERS OUT THERE. OUR HELICOPTER DOES COST, BUT IT IS COST EFFECTIVE AND IT WORKS TO FIGHT CRIME. A MONTH AGO, WHEN HAVE YOU CRIME OVER THERE IN POINT Z, YOU ARE IN POINT A, IT GETS THROUGH QUICKER AND I'VE SEEN THE POSITIVE EFFORTS THAT THE OFFICERS AND THE HELICOPTER HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT IN APPREHENDING INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED TO BE APPREHENDED. AND ALSO, I WANT TO SAY THIS: I THINK THE HELICOPTER PAYS FOR ITSELF. I BELIEVE STRONGLY THE TAXPAYERS, IF THEY ARE WISELY EDUCATED ON THE POSITIVES OF THE HELICOPTER, THEY WILL SUPPORT IT. I KNOW THEY HAD A PROBLEM ABOUT WITH HIGH SALARIES, OFFICERS GETTING A HIGH SALARY, ET CETERA, BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS NEEDED. SECOND ITEM SEMIAUSTIN, AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, IS NOT AFFORDABLE FOR MANY PEOPLE. MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN RUN-DOWN SHACK, LIVE IN MOTELS WITH FAMILIES. WE NEED TO KEEP THIS CITY AFFORDABLE. IF IT IS NOT AFFORDABLE, THERE IS A TRADE-OFF THERE BUT ALSO DEEP AFFORDABLE FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO AFFORD HOMES. LAST ITEM, IN REGARDS TO VETERANS, AGAIN SENATOR JAMES WEB, FORMER MARINE, VIETNAM VETERAN, SENATOR FROM VIRGINIA, IT HAVING A SYMPOSIUM THAT IS GOING TO BRING PEOPLE TO AUSTIN TO TALK ABOUT VETERANS ISSUES. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, VETERANS SERVED THEIR COUNTRY, WERE SHOT AT, WOUNDED, I THINK THEY DESERVE DUE DILIGENCE. THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER KIM AMONG OTHERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE VETERANS. I THINK YOUR HARD WORK OUT THERE WILL PROVE TO BE A POSITIVE AND THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE VETERANS I DO NOT REPRESENT BUT I SUPPORT IN OUR GROUP AND IT IS A GROUP THAT IS VIABLE IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND HAVE A GOOD AFTERNOON.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. PENA. PHILIPS DICK SIGNED UP WISHING TO ADDRESS US. WELCOME. TO BE FOLLOWED BY JENNIFER GALE.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR WYNN, COUNCIL MEMBER. I'M A NATIVE OF AUSTIN ANDS WAY BORN AND RAISED HERE IN AUSTIN AND I'M HERE TODAY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ISSUES THAT I AM EXPERIENCING WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS AND THE DEPARTMENT THEY SEEM AS IF, TO ME, WHEN THINGS COME UP, SEEM LIKE I AM AT FAULT. I AM NOT AT FAULT WITH DIFFERENT ISSUE, CAR CREDIT CREDIT -- CAR WRECK, THEY HAVE GIVEN ME A POLICE CRIMINAL HISTORY. I'M NO CRIMINAL. I HAVE BEEN HERE TALKING ABOUT THIS IN THE PAST. ALL OF MY THINGS BEGIN TO HAPPEN TO ME IN 1970 WHEN THIS POLICE OFFICER SAID THAT MY RECORD WAS TOO CLEAN. OKAY. AND EVER SINCE THEN I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT PROBLEMS AND I HAVE PROOF OF THIS. I'M ALSO HERE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT INSURANCE COMPANIES. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN TWO CAR CREDIT CARD, TWO TICKETS, I WASN'T AT FAULT AND DAMAGE, INSTEAD OF ME GETTING MY MONEY FOR MY CAR DAMAGES, I NEVER RECEIVED IT AND I PAY FULL COVERAGE INSURANCE. THEY KEPT MY MONEY. I'M A DISABLED PERSON. I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN. I DRAW SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY. THE SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE, INSTEAD OF GIVING ME MY MONEY, SHE KEPT MY MONEY. I HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES. THESE PEOPLE ARE THIEVES. I WENT TO COURT, JUDGE PATRICK KEEL, HE SIGNED MY JUDGMENT AND MY ORDER ON THE NUMBER GN-300-316 FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, I PROVED MY CASE, AND HE GRANTED ME MY JUDGMENT AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS, AND HE SIGNED MY JUDGMENT AND MY ORDER. WELL, JUDGE JENKINS AND LIVINGSTON HAVE REMOVED BOTH OUR NAMES FROM OUR JUDGMENT AND THE ORDERS AND HAVE REPLACED THEIR NAMES ON THERE AS IF THEY GRANTED THE JUDGMENT AND EVERYTHING TO THE DEFENDANTS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS AND THIS IS JUST NOT TRUE AT ALL. I'VE GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH JUDGE PATRICK O 'KEEL, HE REMEMBERS ME AND TOLD ME I WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP YOU. HE SAYS, AND I REMEMBER YOU. HERE I AM AT MY AGE, A DISABLED PERSON GOING TO SCHOOL. I WENT BACK TO SCHOOL TO NOT ONLY, IN PARALEGAL, TAKING PARALEGAL CLASSES, TO ENHANCE MYSELF AND BETTER MYSELF. I FEEL I SHOULDN'T BE USED BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS, THE JUDGES OR ANYONE, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ARE AN INNOCENT PERSON. SO I'M CALLING UP ON THE CHIEF, I'M CALLING UP ON THE MAYOR WYNN, I'M CALLING UP ON ALL OF MY LEADERS TO PLEASE HELP ME AND LOOK AT MY PAPERWORK AND HELP ME. I'M NOT ABLE TO AFFORD AN ATTORNEY. PLEASE HELP ME. I NEED MY MONEY FOR MY CAR REPAIRS, MY LITTLE 1988 HONDASIVE SICK NOT REPAIRED -- CIVIC IS NOT REPAIRED AND RAGGEDY AND ABOUT TO FALL APART. I CAN HARDLY GET AROUND TURN TO. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MISS DICK. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

CHANNEL 6 HAS ALL THIS ONLINE, YOU CAN LOOK UNDER FORUMS 2008 AND LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES. YOU CAN'T DO THAT FROM ANY OF OUR OTHER MEDIA SOURCES. THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE HAS NOT ASKED ANY QUESTIONS, NONE AT ALL. THE "AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN", SARAH COPPOLA, NOT ONE QUESTION. HOW CAN THEY BE

INFORMING THE PUBLIC? HOW ARE WE SPENDING TAXPAYERS MONEY BY PUTTING THINGS FOR THE CITY IN THE NEWSPAPER WHEN THEY'RE NOT EVENING COVERING THE ELECTIONS? THANK YOU TO KEITH RUIZ AND CHANNEL 6. ELLEN DEMLING, LEE LEFFINGWELL AND JASON MEEKER ARE NOT BEING HEARD. CAN YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THEM IN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN'S VOTERS GUIDE. NEWS 8 AUSTIN IS COVERING THE ELECTION. UNIVISION IS COVERING THE ELECTION. CHANNEL 36, KXAN, IS NOT COVERING THE ELECTION. CHANNEL 42, I'VE NOT DONE ANY INTERVIEWS WITH THEM AS THE AND THE OTHER CANDIDATES HAVEN'T OTHER. SO HOW IS THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT AN ELECTION THAT TAKES THREE YEARS IN THE MAKING, THREE YEAR BEFORE THEY WILL GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO VOTE, KNOWING NOTHING ABOUT THE CANDIDATES EXCEPT FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' GUIDE AND CHANNEL 6 FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN? SO VICKY, JENNY, KAREN, YES, WE NEED TANGIBLE BALLOTS. LET GET THOSE BALLOTS. I MAY HAVE WON THIS ELECTION AND WE'LL NEVER KNOW. KEVIN (INDISCERNIBLE), SAM (INDISCERNIBLE), CID GALINDO, LAURA MORRISON, ROBIN CRAVEY ARE ALL NOT GETTING HEARD. KLRU OR PUBLIC STATION, WE SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON THAT AND WE'RE NOT GETTING ANYTHING FROM IT. [BUZZER SOUNDS] I'M ASKING FOR EVERYONE OVER THE 400,000 VOTERS TO GET OUT ON SATURDAY, MAY 10th, AND VOTE FOR WHOMEVER YOU WANT. JENNIFER GALE'S PARTY WILL BE AT SHIEWLZ BEER GARDEN. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

JIMMY CASTRO, TO BE FOLLOWED BY CAROL ANNE ROSE KENNEDY.

GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JIMMY CASTRO AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON MY OWN BEHALF. I'VE ALSO SERVED AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE 2004 AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. I HAVE SLIDES TO SHOW YOU THIS AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TO REMIND EVERYONE TO TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE IN A VERY SPECIAL ELECTION. THE MAY 10th, AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ALL THREE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSITIONS. IF VOTERS APPROVE THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT BOND PROPOSITIONS, THE MONEY WILL PAY FOR TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, SCIENCE CLASSROOM INNOVATIONS, CAMPUS DAITIONZ, NEW SCHOOLS AND THE LONG-AWAITED DISTRICT-WIDE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. PROPOSITION 1 WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONSTRUCTION AFTER NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER HERE LINDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AUDITORIUM REPLACEMENT AND RENOVATION AT LANIER AND MCCALLUM HIGH SCHOOLS, RENOVATIONS AT SEVERAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, NEW EQUIPMENT FOR SCIENCE PROGRAMS, NEW TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS AT ALL CAMPUSES. PROPOSITION 1, TOTAL AMOUNT IS 1 87 MILLION DOLLARS. PROPOSITION 2 WILL INCLUDE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR CAREER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. FACILITIES FROM A HEALTH, SAFETY, SECURITY INCLUDE A NEW LOW BUS EMISSION AND FUEL HYBRID SCHOOL BUSES. PROPOSITION 2 TOTAL AMOUNT IS \$73 MILLION. PROPOSITION 3 WILL INCLUDE A DISTRICT-WIDE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, LAND FOR A HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTH AUSTIN, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND FINE ARTS RENOVATIONS AT ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL. PROPOSITION 3 TOTAL AMOUNT IS

\$82 MILLION. THE TOTAL AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PACKAGE IS \$343 MILLION. FINALLY, LET'S DO THE RIGHT THING AND PASS ALL THREE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSITIONS FOR AUSTIN'S FUTURE SO EVERY YOUNG ADULT CAN READ, LEARN AND DREAM BECAUSE A CITY WITH DREAMS IS A CITY WITH A FUTURE. THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JIMMY. OUR FINAL SPEAKER IS CAROL ANNE ROSE KENNEDY.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME GO LAST. MY SONG IS LONGER THAN THREE MINUTES, SO I'M GOING TO SING IT LIKE REALLY FAST.

(music) THERE'S A LITTLE WHITE DUCK WALKING ON THE WATER, A LITTLE WHITE DUCK DOING WHAT SHE OUGHT TO. SHE JUMPS RIGHT OFF OF A LILY WHITE PAD, SLAPPED HER WINGS AND SHE SAID I'M BAD. (music) THERE'S A LITTLE WHITE DUCK WALKING ON THE WATER. QUACK QUACK QUACK. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE. THERE'S A LITTLE BROWN MAN HANGING AT THE BORDER. A LITTLE BROWN MAN WAITING FOR AN ORDER. (music) THE KIDS AND THEIR MOMS SCREAMED AND CRIED ALL NIGHT BECAUSE HE PACKED HIS BAGS AND HE PICKED ANOTHER FIGHT. (music) THERE'S A LITTLE BROWN MAN HANGING AT THE BORDER. OH, OH, OH. THAT WOULD BE OWE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED. (music) THERE'S A LITTLE WHITE MAN LIVING AT THE WHITE HOUSE, A LITTLE WHITE MAN RUNNING FROM HIS SPOUSE. HE PARKED HIS BRASS ON THE CAPITOL HILL, SCHEMING HOW HE COULD BE LIKE BILL. (music) THERE'S A HIGH WHITE TOWER BUILT INSIDE A BOARDROOM, A HIGH WHITE TOWER, WAITING FOR A QUORUM. (music) THEY ATE AND THEY DRANK AND THEY LAUGHED AND PLAYED WHILE THE PEONS WORKED AND BECAME THEIR SLAVES. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE. OH, I FEEL LIKE A GIRL. I CAN'T BELIEVE I MADE IT. (music) THERE'S A LITTLE WHITE GIRL CLIMBING UP THE TREE, A LITTLE BLACK BOY FELL FROM MOMMA'S KNEE. (music) THEY'RE HUNGRY, TIRED AND THEY'RE SO CONFUSED. LOOK AT THE LITTLE WEE THE PEOPLE BE USED. (music) THERE'S A LITTLE YELLOW GIRL BORN TO SERVE A MAN. A LITTLE YELLOW GIRL DOING WHAT SHE CAN. (music) SHE REACHES UP, BUT HE SLAPS HER DOWN, AND NOW SHE'S WORKING FOR A PARTY CLOWN. (music) THERE'S A LITTLE RED BOY ON THE RESERVATION, WONDER WHAG THE HELL HAPPENED TO THE NATION. (music) HE DRINKS AND PRAYS ON THE CITY BUS, DREAMING ABOUT WHAT BELONGS TO US. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE. (music) THERE'S A LITTLE BROWN BIRD BORN TO BE A SPARROW, MOM AND DAD SAID YOU'RE GOING TO BE A SPARROW. SO HE BUILT A BOAT ON THE RIVER NILE, NOW HE'S HEADING FOR THE STATES TO BECOME MY CHILD. (music) THERE'S A BIG WHITE DRUNK HEADING OFF TO WAR, AND A SMART BLACK HUNK ON ANOTHER SHORE. (music) THE BATTLES THEY FIGHT THEY BELONG TO YOU. THE LITTLE WHITE MAN I BELIEVE YOU'RE SCREWED. (music) THERE'S A BIG WHITE DUCK SITTING BY THE RIVER. A BIG WHITE DUCK GOT -- SHE LAYS HER EGGS AND SHE CRIES ALL NIGHT, HOPING THAT A MAN WILL PICK UP THE FIGHT.

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE CONCLUDE.

OH, GOD, I CAN'T REMEMBER THE ENDING. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, THAT CONCLUDES OUR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. YOU REMEMBER EARLIER WE WERE POSTED TO HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S TASKFORCE, SO AT THIS TIME I APPRECIATE THE PATIENCE EVERYBODY WAS SHOWING. IF THOSE FOLKS ARE STILL HERE, STAFF, WE COULD TAKE UP THAT BRIEFING BEFORE WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. COUNCILMEMBER KIM? HE.

Kim: I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO WORKED ON THIS. IT WAS STARTED IN OCTOBER. THIS TASKFORCE HAS GIVEN US SOME REALLY GOOD FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY. THEY'LL BE SHARING WITH US THEIR SURVEY FINDINGS AND THEN IN A MONTH GIVING US THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE ROBERT SNIETDER. HE IS THE CO-CHAIR OF THE TASKFORCE AND CHAIR OF THE HOUSING AND PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE AND ALSO AN AISD BOARD MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSS TREES MEMBER. I REALLY APPRECIATE HIS HARD WORK ON THIS AS WELL AS THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TASKFORCE. THERE WERE MANY THAT WERE INVOLVED. AND HE'LL BE REPRESENTING ON BEHALF OF THE TASKFORCE THIS MORNING. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR OTHER CO-CHAIR, JENNIFER PETERS, FOR HER WORK AS WELL. MR. SCHNEIDER?

MORNING, COUNCIL. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT HERE THIS MORNING. AS COUNCILMEMBER KIM SAID, THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TASKFORCE HAS BEEN MEETING FOR ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS NOW DISCUSSING ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO FAMILY AND CHILDREN IN AUSTIN AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE FOCUS ON WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE A MORE CHILD AND FAMILY CENTERED ENVIRONMENT WITHIN AUSTIN. THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE -- I'M SORRY, I'M GOING TO NEED TO GET ORIENTED HERE ON HOW TO OPERATE THE APPROPRIATE DEVICE. JENNIFER PETERS HAS BEEN THE OTHER CO-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE. JENNIFER HAS BEEN DEALING WITH OUR CHILD CARE ISSUES. WE HAD BASICALLY TWO SUBCOMMITTEES AND I'LL GET TO THAT IN JUST A SECOND HERE. SO AGAIN, WE STARTED BACK IN LATE OCTOBER, NOVEMBER TALKING ABOUT ISSUES THAT WERE REALLY INTO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN AUSTIN. THE TASKFORCE ITSELF WAS CREATED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON JULY THE 27TH. THE THING THAT I ALWAYS TRY AND GET BACK TO WITH REGARD TO THE RESOLUTION AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, WHAT OUR FOCUS IS, IS THERE'S A PHRASE THAT'S IN THE RESOLUTION THAT REALLY KIND OF KEEPS ME WHERE I THINK WE SHOULD BE AND THAT SAYS THAT FAMILIES HOLD THE KEY TO MAKE -- TO WHAT MAKES AUST UNIQUE. BUT IT ALSO FURTHER STATES THAT THERE ARE UNIQUE CHALLENGES FOR FAMILIES IN AUSTIN. I KNOW FROM MY OWN PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE I'VE GOT FOUR KIDS, I'VE GOT THEM IN AISD SCHOOLS AND I DO OTHER THINGS WITH THE AISD SCHOOLS AS WELL. SO WE'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE FOR KIDS IN AUSTIN. AND HOW CAN WE GET THEM TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONALLY, ACADEMICALLY, ALL THE MYRIAD OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT ARE INTERWOVEN TO PROVIDE THAT SUPPORT. AS I WAS SAYING, WE DIVIDED UP INTO TWO TASKFORCES OR TWO COMMITTEES ON THE TASKFORCE. THE FIRST DEALT WITH CHILD CARE ISSUES, THE SECOND DEALT WITH

HOUSING. BUT HOUSING WAS NOT ONLY HOUSING ISSUES, WHICH I KNOW YOU GUYS ALREADY HEAR A WHOLE LOT ABOUT, BUT ALSO THE THINGS LIKE PARKS AND SCHOOLS AS WELL. WE HAD A GENERAL MEETING OF THE TASKFORCE MONTHLY AND OUR SUBCOMMITTEES MET AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH AS WELL. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE FIRST WANTED TO CENTER ON WAS EXACTLY WHAT PART OF AUSTIN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. I LIVE IN FAR SOUTHWEST AUSTIN. IF YOU GUYS GO WHERE THE CIRCLE C AREA IS, I DON'T LIVE IN CIRCLE C, BUT I'M ABOUT A HALF A MILE FROM THERE. SO MY PERSPECTIVE AND WHAT INTERESTING TO ME WITH FAMILIES AND KIDS WAS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT'S BEING DONE WITHIN THE CITY, NOT ONLY ON ALL THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES THAT ARE GOING ON, ALL THE FOCUS THAT THE COUNCILS AND VARIOUS PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND THE ZAP IS WORKING ON AS WELL, BUT WE REALLY WANTED TO FOCUS ON THE DOWNTOWN AREA BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE WHAT WE SEE IS A LOT OF THE CHALLENGES ARE. SO OUR VERY FIRST VOTE AS A MATTER OF FACT WAS TO FIND WHAT WE WANTED TO BE THE URBAN CORE OF THE CITY. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE POWERPOINT, IT JUST SAYS 183 ON THE NORTH AND THE EAST, BEN WHITE ON THE SOUTH AND MOPAC TO THE WEST. ONE OF THE VALUABLE TOOLS THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE WORK THAT WE DID, I REALLY WANT TO THANK MS. HEATHER WAY THAT WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE WORK SHE DID ON THIS. SHE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN NOT ONLY SETTING UP THE SURVEY, BUT ALSO MAKING SURE THAT THINGS WERE GETTING DONE, PROCESSING THE RESULTS. THERE WAS A LOT OF NARRATIVE RESPONSES THAT WERE IN THE RESULTS THAT I'M SURE WILL PROVIDE YOU AT SOME POINT KIND AFTER SPREADSHEET TALLY OF WHAT GOING ON THERE. BUT MS. WAY HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK ON IT. THE SURVEY WENT ONLINE, BASICALLY IN MARCH OF 2008. THERE WAS A LOT OF OUTREACH EFFORTS THAT WERE DONE. I KNOW THAT THINGS LIKE THE AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL MAILING LIST WAS SENT, HERE, PLEASE FILL THIS OUT. AISD ALSO WORKED WITH OUR VARIOUS COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PROVIDE THE SAME KIND OF INFORMATION. I KNOW OTHER ENTITIES DID AS WELL. WE GOT BACK A LITTLE BIT OVER A THOUSAND RESPONSES, WHICH WE CONSIDERED TO BE PRETTY GOOD. AND YOU CAN SEE FROM THE SLIDE THERE A LITTLE BIT AFTER BREAK DOWN AS TO THE KIND OF FAMILIES THAT WERE RESPONDING. THE NEXT ONE IS A REAL QUICK KIND OF WHERE IN THE CITY PEOPLE ARE RESPONDING FROM. THE THING THAT I FOUND VERY SURPRISING, VERY INTERESTING IN THIS WAS THAT A THIRD OF THE FOLKS THAT RESPONDED SAID THEY LIVED IN THE CENTRAL CITY. AND ONE OF THE PRESUP PITIONS THAT WE ALL WORK WITH WITH ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SIDE OF THINGS IS WE LOOK AT THIS AREA THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT HERE. WE HAVE SCHOOLS THAT ARE IN THE OUTER REACHES OF IT, BUT WE DON'T HAVE A LOT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. SO WHEN YOU START TO LOOK AT WHERE YOUR KIDS COME FROM AND WHERE YOU'RE EXPECTING KIDS TO COME FROM, THIS TOLD ME THAT MY PRESUMPTIVE THINKING WASN'T ALWAYS CORRECT HERE. THANK THAT HOLDS TRUE FOR SOME OF MY OTHER COLLEAGUES AS WELL. AND THESE ARE SOME OF THE TOP CONCERNS THAT WE FOUND. I KNOW YOU GUYS HEAR ABOUT THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN FROM EVERY OTHER COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL YOU'VE GOT WORKING ON IT. AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS JUST

SOMETHING THAT IS OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND EVERY STATEMENT YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT THIS REPORT, IT'S A REAL KEY TO WHAT MAKES A LOT OF FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS WORK IN AUSTIN, LIKE I CAN TELL YOU FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSPECTIVE -- LET ME PLEASE EMPHASIZE I'M NOT WORKING FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HERE OR AT ALL HERE FOR THIS PRESENTATION. BUT WE LOOK AND WE SEE THE CONDOS THAT ARE GOING UP, ALL THE NICE NEW BUILDINGS AND EVERYTHING, AND WE LOOK AT THE COST OF WHAT THAT'S GOING TO BE PER SQUARE FOOT AND THE SIZE OF WHAT THOSE UNITS ARE, THE NUMBER OF BEDROOMS THAT ARE IN THERE. AND WE CAN JUST ABOUT GUARANTEE YOU WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET MANY, IF ANY, KIDS FROM THOSE. THE GUY THAT CAN AFFORD TO PAY \$500 A SQUARE FOOT FOR A CONDO IS NOT GOING TO BE REAL LIKELY TO BE SENDING HIS KIDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. I MEAN, THERE ARE GOING TO BE EXCEPTIONS. IT'S GREAT. BUT THE GENERAL RULE OF THUMB, OUR HISTORY TELLS US THAT WHEN WE START LOOKING AT PRICES LIKE THAT, THOSE KIDS ARE GOING TO BE GOING TO SOME OF THE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE OUT THERE AS IT WAS. OTHER ONES THAT COME UP, PARKS, OF COURSE, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, THE WIDE SPECTRUM OF WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT TO SEE. THE LAST ONE THAT I REALLY WANTED TO TOUCH ON REAL QUICKLY, WHICH IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY. I KNOW A LOT OF WHAT I SEE IN TERMS OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATIONS THAT ARE GOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN PEOPLE THAT LIVE ONE NEIGHBORHOOD OF TOWN VERSUS ANOTHER IS THE PERCEIVED QUALITY OF THE SAFENESS OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THE THING THAT SURPRISED ME ABOUT THIS RESPONSE WAS THAT PEOPLE PRETTY STRONGLY AGREE THAT THEY LIVE IN SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS. BUT WE WILL PROVIDE THE COMPLETE SURVEY RESPONSE TO YOU IN THE NARRATIVE THAT WE'LL BE PROVIDING IN ABOUT A MONTH, PLUS THE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS. I'D LIKE TO TURN THE CHILD CARE ISSUES OVER TO MS. PETERS AND I'M SURE SHE WILL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU.

IT WAS FUNNY. I WAS TALKING TO SOMEONE AT MY BANK THE OTHER DAY AND HAPPENED TO MENTION THE TASKFORCE AND SAID WE WERE TOUCHING ON ISSUES OF CHILD CARE. AND HE SAID YOU MEAN FOR WORKING LADIES? AND I SAID WELL, YEAH, AMONG SOME PEOPLE THERE'S A PERCEPTION THAT IT'S PEOPLE OUT THERE WORKING FOR PIN MONEY. THAT'S OBVIOUSLY NOT THE CASE, AND YOU KNOW THAT. WORKING CLASS FAMILIES AND MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES NEED A DUAL INCOME IN MOST CASES TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO LIVE IN AUSTIN. MORE THAN 50% OF THE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGE THREE TO FIVE IN TRAVIS COUNTY DO NEED FULL TIME CHILD CARE. SOME OTHER THINGS THAT WE -- SOME OTHER FACTS THAT WE FOUND WERE THAT ABOUT 2800 CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE. CHILD CARE CAPACITY IN TRAVIS COUNTY HAS REMAINED CONSTANT AT ABOUT 41,000 OPENINGS, BUT WHAT WE'RE FINDING IS THAT THE TREND IS FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS IN CENTRAL AUSTIN TO BE CLOSING ALL CHILD CARE CENTERS IN THE DISTURBS ARE OPENING. AND THERE'S BEEN SOME HIGH PROFILE CASES OF THAT, BUT THERE WAS EVEN AN EXAMPLE AFTER COUPLE OF YEARS AGO TWO CHILD CARE CENTERS ACROSS THE STREET FROM EACH OTHER, NEXT TO U.T. WHERE A LOT OF U.T. EMPLOYEES SENT THEIR KIDS CLOSED WITHIN A COUPLE OF MONTHS OF EACH OTHER

BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT AFFORD SOME UPGRADES. AND SO YOU CAN IMAGINE THE PANIC OF TRYING TO FIND CHILD CARE AND THERE'S 100 OTHER PEOPLE ALL LOOKING AT THE SAME TIME. JUST BECAUSE THE CAPACITY IS THERE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THOSE SPACES THAT ARE OUT THERE MEET NATIONAL ACCREDITATION STZ, HAVE LOW TEACHER-STUDENT RATIOS, HAVE GOOD EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUMS, WHICH IS WHAT MOST OF THE PARENTS ARE LOOKING FOR, LIKE ME. ALSO WE FOUND EVIDENCE THAT CHILD CARE QUALITY IS I AM PROVENNING. I REALLY WANT TO SAY THAT UNITED CAPITAL AREA SUCCESS BY SIX PROGRAM HAS DONE REALLY GOOD WORK TO BRING UP QUALITY STZ. STANDARDS. ALSO THE CHILD CARE COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE. THIS DATA IS A LITTLE BIT OUT OF DATE, BUT YOU WILL SEE AVERAGE COST OF CHILD CARE FOR CHILDREN AGED INFANT TO THREE YEARS AVERAGES ABOUT 636 A MONTH. IF YOU WANT TO BE AT AN ACCREDITED CENTER, IF YOU WANT SOMETHING THAT PAYS HIGH WAGES AND OFFERS BENEFITS TO YOUR CHILD CARE WORKERS, WHICH MEANS YOU WILL HAVE LOWER TURNOVER, IF THEY REQUIRE CHILD DEVELOPMENT TRAINING, BE THAT'S GOING TO INCREASE THE PRICE. DI A LITTLE POKING AROUND AND FOUND THAT INFANT CARE, WHICH IS VERY HARD TO COME BY, IS RUNNING BETWEEN 8 AND \$900 A MONTH. AND WHAT THAT -- THAT PUTS AN EVEN MORE INCREASED BURDEN ON THE FAMILIES OF LOW INCOME WHO ARE RECEIVING SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE BECAUSE IN MOST CASES THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES DOBLES FULLY COVER THE COST OF THE TUITION THEREFORE THE CHILD CARE CENTERS, MANY OF WHICH ARE NONPROFIT AND ARE RUNNING ON A SHOESTRING, THEY REALLY HAVE TO STRUGGLE WITH THE ISSUES OF HOW MANY SUBSIDIZED OPENINGS THEY CAN HAVE AND STILL AFFORD TO REMAIN OPEN. AND SO PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR SUBSIDIZED OPENINGS, THEY HAVE A MUCH SMALLER POOL TO LOOK FROM BECAUSE A CENTER WILL ONLY ACCEPT ONE OR TWO CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO SURVIVE. OKAY. AS ROBERT MENTIONED, WE DID DO A SURVEY AND I'LL SHOW YOU A SLIDE ON THAT IN A MOMENT OR TWO. MORE RESPONDENTS ANSWERING A QUESTION ABOUT QUALITY CHILD CARE SAID THAT THEY WERE DISSATISFIED WITH THE SUPPLY OF CHILD CARE IN AUSTIN THAN WERE SATISFIED. THIS SURVEY, THE RESPONSES THAT WE GOT THAT PEOPLE WROTE ALSO NOTED THAT THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE QUALITY CHILD CARE SERVICES WAS A ON TOP CONCERN. WE ALSO HELD THREE FOCUS GROUPS, ONE OF WHICH I MODERATED WITH SOME LOW INCOME STUDENTS AT A.C.C., AND AGAIN THE LACK OF CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED TO COME UP AGAIN AND AGAIN AS A TOP SUBJECT. SO THERE IT IS, THE SLIDE. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I'M SATISFIED WITH THE SUPPLY OF QUALITY CHILD CARE IN AUSTIN, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE'S -- I DIDN'T COUNT THE NUMBERS AGAIN, BUT IT'S MORE LIKE 350 TO ABOUT 275 WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE SUPPLY OF QUALITY CHILD CARE. SO AS WE'VE BEEN DOING OUR RESEARCH, WE HAVE FOUND A PLETHORA OF RESEARCH, AND I POINT TO YOU WITH MY LITTLE STRAW BASKET THERE WHICH IS FULL OF PAPERS, WHICH IS ALSO REPORTS AND THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING THROUGH INDICATING THAT CHILD CARE IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF A CITY AND PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE AFFECTS PRODUCTIVITY AND SATISFACTION OF THE LOCAL WORKFORCE. IT AFFECTS THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND IT

PROVIDES A MEASURABLE RETURN ON INVESTMENT. LOCALLY UNITED WAY SUCCESS BY SIX PROGRAM HAS FOUND THAT EVERY DOLLAR INVEST UNDERSTAND QUALITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS CAN SAVE SOCIETY AS MUCH AS \$17 IN REMEDIAL EDUCATION, WELFARE COSTS AND COURT AND PRISON EXPENSES. I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION, AND THIS CAME OUT JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, THE SUCCESS BY SIX PROGRAM PUT OUT THIS ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FORMAL CHILD CARE IN TRAVIS COUNTY. AND ALMOST INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU THIS PRESENTATION, I WISH I COULD READ THIS. THIS TALKS ABOUT NOT ONLY THE EFFECT ON CHILDREN, BUT ON JOB CREATION AND OPENINGS, JOB STABILITY, EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY, MORALE, JOB SATISFACTION, ABSENTEEISM. IT'S A MUCH LARGER ISSUE THAN JUST -- THAN JUST THE HELPING KIDS GET READY FOR PRE-K. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS THAT SOME MORE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS IS NEEDED IN THE AREA OF CHILD CARE. WE'VE SEEN SOME REALLY INTERESTING STUDIES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE AROUND THE NATION IN STATES AND AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WHERE THEY'VE INVESTED IN STUDIES AND LOOKED AT CHILD CARE NEEDS AS PART OF THE CITY PLANNING PROCESS, INTEGRATING IT INTO THE CITY PLANNING PROCESS. ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING ONES THAT I SAW WAS IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA THAT QUANTIFIED THE NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE BY NEIGHBOR, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN NEEDING DAY CARE BY THE AMOUNT OF SLOTS BY AGE, THE SQUARE FOOTAGE NEEDED AND FORECAST HOW THE NUMBERS WOULD BE NEEDED OUT TO 2020. SO THEY REALLY HAD SOMETHING THEY COULD PLAN WITH. AND YOU'LL SEE THAT THERE WERE OTHER SURVEYS -- OTHER STUDIES OF THIS KIND THAT OCCURRED IN NOT ONLY THESE STATES, BUT MANY OTHERS N OUR FINAL REPORT WE'LL LIST OUT A LOT OF -- WHAT THE OTHER PROGRAMS HAVE DONE. AND THE LAST THING I WANTED TO MENTION WAS THAT AS WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS RESEARCH WE FOUND THAT EFFORTS TO LOOK AT CHILD CARE BY THE CITY HAVE GONE BACK TO 1985, WHICH IS THE YEAR I MOVED TO AUSTIN. THAT THERE WAS A MAYOR'S TASKFORCE ON CHILD CARE CREATED IN 1985, AND WHAT GREW OUT OF THAT WAS THE CHILD CARE COUNCIL, WHICH IS THE GROUP THAT SETS POLICY RELATING TO CHILD CARE ISSUES, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL OTHERS THROUGH THE YEARS. ONE IN 1998, CHILD CARE WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE AUSTIN EQUITIES COMMISSION IMPROVING THE ODDS REPORT IN 2009. AND WE ALSO ASKED THE CHILD CARE COUNCIL TO DEVELOP SOME RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE REVIEWED EARLIER THIS YEAR. THEY TEND TO HAVE COMMON THEMES, AND THOSE ARE THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILD CARE, THE NEED FOR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY LOW INCOME FAMILIES TO HAVE ACCESS TO THAT CARE, THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING AND THE DESIRE FOR CITY POLICIES THAT ALLOW CHILD CARE TO BE PART OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND INCLUDED IN NEW DEVELOPMENT. AND THE FOLLOW THROUGH ON THOSE HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN -- HAVE NOT BEEN WHAT'S DESIRED, BUT THERE HAS CERTAINLY BEEN LONG EFFORTS OUT THERE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. I'LL GIVE THE FLOOR BACK TO ROBERT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO TRY TO GET YOU THROUGH THE HOUSING, SCHOOLS AND PARKS HERE QUICKLY. I'M SURE YOU NEED TO GET ON TO THE REST OF YOUR AGENDA. AS I SAID

THE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE DIVIDED ITS WORK INTO HOUSING, PARKS AND SCHOOLS AND WE'VE SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME DISCUSSING HOUSING. THIS WAS ONE OF THE PRIME MOTIVATING ISSUES THAT DROVE A LOT OF THE WORK THAT THE PARTICULAR SUBCOMMITTEE DID. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS JUST ABOUT A CONSENSUS ITEM, AND I'M SURE WILL COME TO YOU AS A RECOMMENDATION AT SOME POINT, IS THAT THE LAND USE AND PLANNING POLICIES CAN BE IMPROVED FOR QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES AND TO PROMOTE MORE FAMILY FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOODS IN AUSTIN. ONE THING THAT CAME UP OVER AND OVER AGAIN WAS THAT THERE JUST DOES NOT SEEM TO BE THE APPROPRIATE CONNECTED ENTITIES OR PROCESSES WHERE WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A DEVELOPMENT GOING IN OR WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A REDEVELOPMENT OF EVEN DOWN THE SPECIFIC LOTS THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE A PART OF THE LOT AND PUT A PLAYScape ON AS AN EXAMPLE. THERE ARE JUST -- THERE JUST IS A REAL NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE REALLY FOCUSING ON WHAT WE'RE DOING TO MAKE THESE DEVELOPMENTS AS FAMILY FRIENDLY AS POSSIBLE. WE LOOKED AT A LOT OF THE STUFF THAT'S GOING ON NATIONALLY. DENVER IS DOING SOME REALLY GOOD THINGS. PART OF THE STAPLETON REDEVELOPMENT THAT THEY'VE DONE UP THERE. VANCOUVER OF COURSE IS CITED FOR A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT REASONS, AND IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT VANCOUVER HAS DONE, BOTH IN TERMS OF THEIR PLANNING AND THE ASPECTS THAT THEY'RE PLAYING TO FAMILY FRIENDLY HOUSING -- THEY'RE APPLYING TO FAMILY FRIENDLY HOUSING, IT'S REALLY GOOD WORK THAT I THINK THE CITY SHOULD TRY TO EMULATE BY THE BONDS THAT WE'RE LIMITED BY BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT WE'RE APPROACHING THINGS. ANOTHER REALLY INTERESTING FINDING THAT WE CAME UP WITH AND THIS ECHOS BACK TO SOME OF THE SCHOOL BOARD STUFF THAT I HEAR. YOU GUYS MAY BE AWARE THAT THERE'S AN ORGANIZATION IN TOWN CALLED AUSTIN VOICES. AMY EVERETT LEADS THAT. AND THEY ARE GOING OUT TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT KIDS' VOICES ARE HEARD AND WHAT WE DO. IF WE GO AND PLAN SOMETHING, WE OUGHT TO LISTEN TO WHAT THE KIDS DO. THAT'S KIND OF A NATURAL NO BRAINER IN SOME CASES. WE DID FIND SOME INTERESTING WORK THAT HAD BEEN DONE BY UNICEF WHERE FLORENCE ITALY HAD -- THEY ACTUALLY HAVE KIDS THAT ARE SITTING ON SOME OF THEIR PLANNING BODIES AND THEY'RE DOING THINGS. I'M NOT SURE I'M GOING TO RECOMMEND GOING THAT FAR, BUT I WANTED THE COUNCIL TO BE AWARE THAT LISTEN TO GO WHAT THE KIDS SAY, WHAT THE KIDS WANT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT THING WHEN YOU START TO CONSIDER FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS. AGAIN, AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS JUST A REALLY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS. IT HAS A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON NEIGHBORHOODS, THE FABRIC OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS. THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WE FOUND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IT HAS A GREAT IMPACT ON EDUCATION AS WELL. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE SEEING IN SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT AUSTIN AISD IS FACING AT THE MOMENT IS THAT IT'S NOT THE KIDS THAT ARE IN THE SCHOOLS, BUT IT'S REALLY THE BACKGROUND THAT THEY'RE COMING FROM AND THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS THAT THEY HAVE TO LIVE UNDER. THAT'S WHAT'S DRIVING A LOT OF WHAT THE ISSUES ARE WHEN YOU START LOOKING AT A JOHNSTON OR A PIERCE AS AN EXAMPLE. IT'S NOT RACE, ETHNICITY. IT'S NOT EVEN NECESSARILY THE

SOCIAL STUFF THAT'S GOING ON WITH THOSE FAMILIES, IT'S WHEN YOU'VE GOT A PARENT THAT'S WORKING TWO OR THREE JOBS, WHEN THEY'RE NOT THERE TO HELP THE KIDS, IT GETS TO BE A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION FOR THE KIDS TO REALLY REACH AND STRIVE TO BE WHAT THEY CAN IN TERMS OF ACADEMICS. IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE ADEQUATE SUPPORT THERE WITHIN THE HOME. AND HOBO OBVIOUSLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS PART OF WHAT IS INVOLVED HERE BECAUSE IF HOUSING IS EATING UP A HUGE PART OF YOUR INCOME EVERY MONTH, IT'S GOING TO BE A LIMITING FACTOR. WE ALSO HAVE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT A MASTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN. I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU WILL SEE COMING DOWN THE LINE IN POSSIBLE TERMS OF A RECOMMENDATION. AND THERE'S BEEN CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSIONS WHEREAS I POINTED OUT EARLIER, IT NEEDS TO BE HOUSING THAT'S FRIENDLY TO FAMILIES, AND THAT MEANS IT HAS TO BE BIG ENOUGH, HAS TO BE THE RIGHT NUMBER OF BEDROOMS AS AN EXAMPLE. ONE OF OUR PROBLEMS BE WAS THAT IT'S HARD TO GET DATA THAT SAYS WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS WE HAVE THIS NUMBER OF BEDROOMS THAT'S THE AVERAGE OR MAX, EXTREME, WHATEVER. SO IT'S DIFFICULT TO DO THAT. THE ONE CASE WHERE WE DID FIND GOOD DATA WAS IN CITY SPONSORED PROJECTS THAT ARE COMING ALONG IN SOME WAY. SO THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING ELSE YOU GUYS MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT CONSIDERING IS IS THIS CREATE SOMETHING KIND OF MECHANISM TO GATHER A LITTLE BIT BETTER DATA AS WELL. QUON OF ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO WANT TO PUT FORWARD IS A PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE CITY CONSIDER A PILOT FAMILY FRIENDLY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU SOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT WE THINK THOSE ASPECTS ARE, WHAT YOU OUGHT TO CONSIDER IN TERMS OF DESIGN STANDARDS, LOCATION TO SCHOOLS, LOCATION TO PARKS, LOCATION TO DAY CARE, ALL THOSE OTHER KINDS OF THINGS. BUT I DO THINK IF THE CITY IS REALLY INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS A LOT BIT FURTHER THAT THIS MIGHT BE A REALLY GOOD WAY TO DO THAT. SEVERAL OF THE T.O.D.'S THAT YOU GUYS HAVE CONSIDERED IS A GREAT PLACE TO START. I DON'T WANT TO COME OUT AND SAY THIS IS THE ONE WE WOULD PICK BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HAD THAT DISCUSSION YET AS A GROUP. BUT THOSE TO ME ARE THE OBVIOUS CANDIDATES FOR SOME OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO THERE. I'LL GET YOU ON TO SCHOOLS AND WE CAN DO THAT A LITTLE QUICKER. AUSTIN IS A LITTLE UNIQUE IN THAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE EIGHT SCHOOL DISTRICTS REPRESENTED WITHIN OUR BOUNDARIES. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE -- THE MAJORITY OF THE KIDS COME FROM AUSTIN AISD AND 93 93 PERCENT OF THE KIDS THAT LIVE IN AISD LIVE WITHIN THE CITY LIMIT BOUNDARIES, BUT THAT'S NOT TO SAY WE DON'T HAVE A LARGE NUMBER BE OF KIDS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OUTSIDE AUSTIN. I THINK ROUND ROCK AND PFLUGERVILLE EACH HAVE ROUGHLY A QUARTER TO A THIRD OF THE KIDS WITHIN THEIR DISTRICTS ACTUALLY LIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN BOUNDARIES. AND THIS IS KIND AFTER GRAPHIC THAT GIVES THAW SAME INFORMATION THERE. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK RYAN ROBERTSON AND THE DEMOGRAPHER OFFICE FOR HELPING US PROVIDE THAT. AND HERE IT JUST GIVES YOU SPATIALLY THAT SAME INFORMATION. YOU CAN SEE WE GO ALL THE WAY DOWN TO HAYS COUNTY IN THE SOUTH AND WAY ON UP INTO LEANDER ON THE NORTH END OF THINGS. IN THE ASSISTIVE COMMUNICATION, THE FOLKS THAT WE INTERVIEWED, ONE OF THE THINGS

THAT JUST KEPT GETTING POUNDED OVER AND OVER AGAIN WAS THAT THE PERCEPTION OF THE QUALITY OF NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS IS A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE DECISION TO PURCHASE A HOME IN AUSTIN. AND I HAD DEVELOPER AFTER DEVELOPER SIT DOWN AND TELL ME THE SAME THING. I'VE HEARD IT FROM I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY FAMILIES AS WELL. I'M SURE YOU GUYS WHEN YOU HAD KIDS AND WERE LOOKING TO BUY A HOME IN AUSTIN, THAT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS YOU LOOK AT AS WELL. I KNOW THAT'S WHAT DROVE US A LOT. THERE'S A CLEAR LINK HERE BETWEEN SOMETHING THE CITY NEEDS TO WORK ON IN TERM OF WHERE WE'RE GOING TO PUT HOUSING AND SOMETHING THE DISTRICTS NEED TO DO IN TERMS OF WHAT THE SUCCESS IS OF THE SCHOOLS. BECAUSE IT'S LARGELY THAT PERCEPTION OF WHAT THAT QUALITY IS THAT DRIVES A LOT OF THINGS. AND OVERALL THE PERCEPTION OF AUSTIN SCHOOLS IS FAIRLY GOOD. THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, I HAVE YET TO MEET A PARENT THAT SAYS I HAVE A QUALM ABOUT -- SEVERE QUALM AT LEAST ABOUT SENDING MY KID TO AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. MOST OF THEM ARE VERY HAPPY. I KNOW A LOT OF THE KIDS THAT GO THERE HAVE FAITH IN THE TEACHERS. IN MOST CASES IT'S A PROLONGED ADMINISTRATION, SO THE PRINCIPAL, AP'S HAVE BEEN THERE FOR A LONG TIME. THEY'RE COMFORTABLE WITH THE SITUATION. AND AS THE SURVEY -- GO AHEAD AND BRING THAT UP HERE. IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT THE QUALITY OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IS, YOU'RE GOING TO FIND MOST PEOPLE STRONGLY AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT THAT WE HAVE GOOD SCHOOLS. AND THIS IS NOTHING NEW TO SOMEONE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD BECAUSE THIS IS TRUE NOT ONLY IN AUSTIN, BUT JUST ABOUT EVERY OTHER URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE WAS THAT SECONDARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE OR MIDDLE SCHOOLS, ARE NOT PERCEIVED TO BE PERFORMING AS WELL. AND I CAN TELL YOU FROM MY OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, WHEN MY KIDS GOT TO THE FIFTH GRADE AND THEY WERE GOING TO SIXTH, EVEN OUT IN SOUTHWEST AUSTIN WHERE THE SCHOOLS ARE PERCEIVED TO BE WELL, WE HAVE QUALMS ABOUT WHETHER WE NEED TO SEND OUR KIDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE SAME THING FOR HIGH SCHOOLS HERE. ONE OF THE FINDINGS WE HAD IN SOME OF THE INFORMATION WE GOT BACK WAS THAT AUSTIN FAMILIES HAVE A CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED SCHOOLS. AUSTIN ISIAH THOMASISD HAS HAD A PRACTICE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS FOR KEEPING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ESPECIALLY TO BE AS NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUSED AS POSSIBLE. THAT GETS TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE BLURRED WHEN YOU START LOOKING AT WHERE THOSE KIDS THEN TRACK TO MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL. BUT THERE'S A CLEAR PREFERENCE ON KIDS LIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, GOING TO THOSE SCHOOLS. AND IF YOU LOOK AT ISSUES THAT HAVE COME UP RECENTLY, I'LL BRING UP BECKER WHICH YOU GUYS WERE AROUND FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. THE REASON THAT WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH BECKER IS BECAUSE THERE'S NOT AS MANY KIDS THAT ARE THERE. BUT WHEN YOU HEAR FROM THAT COMMUNITY, THEY WANT TO KEEP THOSE KIDS IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL. SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS AN ISSUE OF HIGH IMPORTANCE. ANOTHER FINDING THAT WE GOT WAS THAT THE PLANNING BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS N PERCEIVED TO BE TIGHTLY INTEGRATED. I KNOW THAT SEVERAL OF YOU HAVE COME TO THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS THAT WE HAVE BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING IS

AN ISSUE THAT'S COME UP OVER AND OVER AGAIN THERE. I KNOW FROM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS THAT YOU'LL HEAR PEOPLE COME DOWN AND TALK ABOUT WHAT THE IMPACT IS GOING TO BE ON THE SCHOOL. IF YOU TALK TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ABOUT THIS. AND IT'S A RECURRING THEME THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A TIGHTER INTEGRATION BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE CITY AND DOING THE PLANNING ISSUES THAT ARE INVOLVED. WHEN LOOKING AT WHAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE IN CODE, THE CITY CHARTER SAYS THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT IS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. I CAN TELL YOU BY HISTORY THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER A PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD THAT'S ACTUALLY BEEN AT A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING. OBVIOUSLY THEY'RE CLEARLY INVOLVED. MR. VALDEZ WHEN HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD ASKED ME TO GO DOWN. I CONTINUE TO DO THAT. BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE A TIGHTER LINK THAN THAT. I KNOW OUR STAFF WORKS WITH CITY STAFF. I KNOW CITY STAFF ROUTINELY -- RYAN ROBERTSON HAS BEEN GREAT IN PROVIDING DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION TO THE DISTRICT. BUT THE PERCEPTION IS IT'S STILL NOT GETTING DONE TO THE DEGREE THAT IT DOES. SO I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT KIND OF LINK WE WANT IN TERMS OF PLANNING AND WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO SET THAT UP. ONE THING THAT WE DID FIND WAS I CANNOT FIND AN EQUIVALENT THAT SAYS WITH THE OTHER SEVEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF AUSTIN THAT THERE'S ANY KIND OF EQUIVALENT STATEMENT WHERE YOU ROUTINELY TALK TO LEANDER, EANES OR TO ANY OTHER DISTRICTS. SO THAT MAY BE SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO DISCUSS AS WELL. AND AGAIN GETTING BACK TO THE PLANNING ISSUES, WE RECENTLY RECEIVED A REPORT FROM WHAT WE CALL THE CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON NEIGHBORHOOD AND SCHOOLS. THAT WAS LARGELY FORMED BY THE DISTRICT IN RESPONSE TO THE BECKER ISSUE. AND ONE OF THEIR PRIMARY RECOMMENDATIONS WAS THAT DISTRICTS SHOULD BE ACTIVE PLANNING PARTNERS IN EVERY PLANNING EFFORT, WHETHER IT BE CITY PLANNING OR LARGER SCALE EFFORTS SUCH AS BY ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS OR EVEN LIVEABLE CITIES, SOME OF THE OTHER PROJECTS THAT ARE GOING ON. BUT THAT WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT SCHOOLS ARE HERE TO PROVIDE EDUCATION, THAT IT'S GOOD, WE SHOULD SUPPORT PLANNING, WE SHOULD SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT OUR BUSINESS IS TO PROVIDE EDUCATION. THE OTHER PRIMARY ITEM THAT I WANT TO TALK ON, IT'S NOT A RECOMMENDATION AS SUCH YET -- AND THIS AGAIN GETS BACK TO SOME OF THE SCHOOL CLOSURE ISSUES THAT WENT ON A YEAR OR TWO AGO. THERE SHOULD BE SOME KIND OF EDUCATIONAL IMPACT STATEMENT THAT GOES ALONG WITH NEW DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY LARGE NEW DEVELOPMENT. WHERE IF WE START ADDING A THOUSAND HOMES, LET'S SAY, WHAT'S THAT GOING TO DO TO NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS IN TERMS OF THEIR CAPACITY TO ABSORB THE STUDENTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE COMING FROM THEM? AT THE SAME TIME IF WE START ADDING THE SPECIFIC KIND OF HOUSING AS AN EXAMPLE AND WE CAN SAY THAT THOSE HOUSES ARE GOING TO HAVE STUDENTS THAT ARE COMING FROM LOW SOCIOECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS AS WITHIN EXAMPLE, WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE IMPACT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THOSE SCHOOLS? SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK BOTH THIS COMMITTEE AND AGAIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SCHOOLS FOLKS ARE

INTERESTED IN IS SOME KIND OF EDUCATIONAL IMPACT STATEMENT. I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO MS. PROCTOR MAY WHO IS ONE OF THE TRI CHAIRS OF THAT COMMITTEE. I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THIS IS HER STATEMENT OR WHETHER IT CAME FROM SOMETHING ELSE, BUT I DO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THAT WAS ONE OF THE TERMS THEY USED THERE. TWO MORE QUICK THINGS IS THAT IF YOU LOOK AT NATIONAL MODELS, THERE ARE SET FEES. I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. FLORIDA IS AN EXAMPLE WHERE FLORIDA HAS IMPACT FEES. IF YOU GO TO LIKE THE ORLANDOS AS AN EXAMPLE, THEY ACTUALLY HAVE A NICE LITTLE TABLE WHERE IF YOU'RE BUILDING SINGLE-FAMILY, WE'RE GOING TO CHARGE YOU THIS MUCH TO PUT IN IMPACTS FOR SCHOOLS OR MULTI-FAMILY. IT'S VERY WELL STRUCTURED, VERY WELL LAID OUT. AND THE THING I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT IS THAT THAT CAN ONLY BE USED FOR SCHOOLS. BUT LET'S SAY WE START JOINT CO-LOCATING SCHOOLS AND PARKS AS AN EXAMPLE. SO WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE TAKE SOME OF THOSE FEES AND BUILD A SWIMMING POOL THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CAN'T AFFORD TO BUILD AS AN EXAMPLE. IT'S A WAY TO GET THERE AND SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BE A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION. GETTING BACK TO THE PLANNING, THERE IS NO REAL SET PLANNING. OTHER ENTITIES IN THE NATION, FLORIDA AND OREGON HAVE BOTH RECENTLY ENACTED LAWS WHERE THERE ARE MUCH MORE FORMAL REQUIRED LINKS AND WE'LL BE GLAD TO PROVIDE YOU SOME OF THAT CODE AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON WHERE TO PROCEED WITH IT. WHEN WE DID THE SURVEY, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE FOUND WAS THAT -- ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT AUSTIN WERE THE PARKS, ESPECIALLY THE DESTINATION PARKS LIKE ZILKER AS AN EXAMPLE. PEOPLE REALLY THINK IT'S A GREAT THING. THEY VALUE WHAT'S THERE. THE CATCH IS THEY WANT MORE OF IT AND WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO PROVIDE THAT. ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE CAME UP WITH WAS ALSO AS THE SLIDE SAYS, A TOP CONCERN. PEOPLE POINT TO ISSUES LIKE LACK OF PLAYSAPES. LACK OF SHADE. ENOUGH TREES IN PLACES FOR FOLKS TO GET OUT OF THE SUN WHEN THEY NEED TO. AND SHORTER HOURS AT SOME OF OUR POOLS. SO THIS MIGHT GET INTO HOW WE WANT TO FUND SOME OF THE PARKS AND REC STUFF THAT GOES ON. I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE WANT TO PUT PLAYSAPES JUST IN BIG PARKS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT KEPT COMING UP -- AND THE CITY OF NEW YORKS THAT DONE A GOOD JOB WITH THIS, IMAGINATION PLAYSAPES IS WHAT THEY CALL IT. PUTTING THEM IN VERY SMALL -- HERE'S A QUARTER ACRE LOT THAT'S NOT BEING USED. LET'S PUT A PLAYSAPES THERE, PUT THE APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC CONTROLS OR SIDEWALK ORDERS WHATEVER IS NEEDED AROUND IT, BUT PROVIDE A SPACE FOR KIDS TO GO AND PLAY THAT LIVE IN THAT AREA.

WHAT KIND OF PARK WAS THAT?

I THINK THEY CALL IT IMAGINATION PARK. AND FINALLY, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WERE JUST HAVING A WHOLE LOT OF DIFFERENT THIS TRYING TO GET GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS, GOOD DATA WITH, WAS TO WHAT DEGREE IS PARKS FUNDED RELATIVE TO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO PROVIDE FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS? WHERE ARE THE GAPS? WHERE DO WE NEED SIDEWALK OR WHERE DO WE NEED PLAYSAPES? SOMETHING LIKE A MAPPING PROJECT TO IDENTIFY NEIGHBORHOODS AND

THEN IDENTIFY WHERE WE NEED TO PUT SIDEWALKS AS AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE A GOOD TOOL TO HAVE THAT WOULD HELP WITH SOME OF THE ISSUES. AND WE JUST FOUND A SMALL ISSUE WITH US THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE CENTRAL, ESPECIALLY THE CORE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, THERE'S NOT A LOT OF PARK SPACE DOWNTOWN. WHEN WE TALKED WITH PARKS, THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO -- THEY WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY APPROXIMATELY 19 ACRES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA THAT WOULD BE USED AS PARKLAND. AND THE MAJORITY OF THAT WAS AT WATERLOO PARK AND ON SHOAL CREEK AND OBVIOUSLY YOU GUYS TALKED EARLIER HERE ABOUT THE WALLER CREEK PROJECT. BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE HOUSING THAT'S GOING UP, THE CONDOS GOING UP DOWNTOWN, THERE'S A GAP BETWEEN IF EVERYONE THAT ACTUALLY MOVES INTO THOSE THINGS, WHERE ARE WE GOING TO LET PEOPLE GO FOR PARKS AND PLAY WITH KIDS OR TAKE THE DOG OUT OR WHATEVER ELSE NEEDS TO BE DONE? SO ANYWAY, THAT'S ABOUT IT. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE LENGTH OF IT. AND WE'LL BE GLAD TO ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Kim: THANK YOU, MR. SCHNEIDER AND MS. PETERS. I THINK THIS IS GREAT WORK. THE REASON WHY I BROUGHT THIS UP AS AN ISSUE IS BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT OUR DEMOGRAPHICS IN AUSTIN, 38% OF OUR HOUSEHOLDS HAD CHILDREN. AND NOW IN 2008 IT'S ONLY 22.5 PERCENT AND IT'S DECLINING RAPIDLY. AND I THINK THAT PEOPLE AGREE THAT AUSTIN SHOULD BE A PLACE WITH CHILDREN AND FOR FAMILIES AND SO I'M REALLY PLEASED TO HAVE SOME OF THESE FINDINGS HERE. I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE WORKING ON SPECIFIC -- EVEN MORE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS. I'M REALLY SUPPORTIVE OF IDEA OF A PILOT PROJECT OF DOING OUR OWN DEVELOPMENTS. I THINK I WAS APPROACHED ABOUT DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND I THINK THIS WOULD AN GREAT PLACE TO DO IT AS ONE OF THE PLACES WE SHOULD LOOK. AND I'M ALSO SUPPORTIVE OF HAVING MORE PLAYSCAPES IN OUR INNER CITY THAT ARE SAFE FOR FAMILIES AND EVEN FOR CHILDREN TO GO TO BY THEMSELVES. I BELIEVE THAT IN DOWNTOWN WHEN WE'RE HAVING THESE CONDOS BUILT THAT THERE WILL BE YOUNG FAMILIES THAT WILL START MOVING IN OR THAT START HAVING FAMILIES, AND WE NEED SAFE PLACES FOR THEM TO PLAY. AND TOWN LAKE IS A GREAT PLACE FOR HIKERS AND BIKERS AND WALKERS, BUT FOR CHILDREN THEY REALLY LIKE TO HAVE LIKE A SMALL PLAYSCAPE. THE ONE AT DEEP EDDY POOL IS REALLY, REALLY TINY. I THINK IT'S GOT TWO SWINGS AND ONE SLIDE. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING SOMETHING MAYBE AT BUTLER SHORES, WHICH IS NEXT TO ZACHARY SCOTT THEATERS. PEOPLE COULD WALK ACROSS THE PFLUGER BRIDGE FROM SAY THE SPRING AND GET THERE SAFELY, RIDE THEIR BIKES THERE AND THEN COME BACK IN TIME FOR DINNER. SO THESE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS WE'RE WORKING ON IS LIKE THE SIDEWALKS. I WILL BE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF MAKING SURE WE HAVE THE CITY RESOURCES TO MOVE FORWARD THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. SO -- ONE OTHER THING I'M INTERESTED ABOUT IS THE IMPACT FEES. YOU TALKED ABOUT FLORIDA AND HOW THEY USE THOSE FEES. DID YOU FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT WAS -- WHAT'S THE HISTORY BEHIND THAT AND HOW THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO USE THOSE FEES AND HOW ARE THEY COLLECTED?

I CAN'T TELL YOU EXACTLY HOW THEY'RE USING THEIR FEES OR WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGETS ARE MAKING UP ON EITHER REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. ONE OF THE THINGS YOU NEED TO REMEMBER IN FLORIDA IS IT'S LARGELY COUNTY BASED AND THEY'VE BEEN PUSHING REGIONAL PLANNING AT ALL LEVELS FOR ABOUT THE LAST 10 YEARS OR SO. I AM AWARE, BE AS I POINTED OUT, THAT IT DOESN'T JUST GO TO -- IF YOU PUT IN A 2,000 HOME SUBDIVISION, AS AN EXAMPLE, ONE. THINGS A DEVELOPER COULD DO IS SAY HERE'S A PLOT OF LAND WHERE WE WILL PUT A SCHOOL OR HERE IS FUNDS FOR THE LAND WHERE YOU CAN GO BUY IT YOURSELF OR USE IT FOR OTHER THINGS. BUT THE RECENT CHANGES IN FLORIDA LAW HAVE ALLOWED THEM TO USE THOSE FUNDS IN WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE A WISER WAY WHERE IT'S NOT JUST SCHOOL RELATED. IF YOU PUT IN A SCHOOL AND YOU WANT TO HAVE A GYM, LIBRARY, SCHOOL. (INDISCERNIBLE) IS A GOOD EXAMPLE BECAUSE THERE'S LIKE A POLICE SUBSTATION THERE AS WITHIN EXAMPLE. WAYS TO JOINTLY USE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND JOINTLY FUND THOSE. AND THE USE OF IMPACT FEES IS A GOOD WAY TO DO THAT. OREGON IS A LITTLE MORE INTERESTING IN THAT THEY ACTUALLY KIND OF HAVE A DIFFERENT APPROACH WHERE IT'S MUCH MORE CATEGORIZED AND YOU'VE YOU'VE GOT TO FUND THE SCHOOLS THIS WAY AND PARKS THIS WAY. IT ALL COMES FROM THE USE OF IMPACT FEES.

Kim: I KNOW IN TRAVIS ELEMENTARY THEY USE STACY PARK, WHICH THE CITY OWNS AND MAINTAINS. I'LL SEE THE CHILDREN RUNNING AROUND ON THE TRACK BE AND RACING AND PLAYING BALL. AND IT'S SAFE THERE BECAUSE EAST SIDE DRIVE DOESN'T HAVE A LOT OF TRAFFIC AND IT'S UP ON A HILL, SO THERE'S A NATURAL BARRIER THERE FOR YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT LIKE A BALL ROLLING ON TO THE STREET OR IF ANYTHING MAYBE IT WILL ROLL INTO THE CREEK, BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT HAD TO DO WITH CHILD CARE AND THE LOCATION OF CHILD CARE. AND MS. PETERS YOU TALKED ABOUT HOW CHILD CARE CENTERS HAVE BEEN CLOSING IN THE CENTRAL CITY AND PART OF IT IS THE EXPENSE OF UPGRADING THE FACILITIES. I'M SURE THE RENTAL PAYMENTS. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO ENCOURAGE -- MAKE IT EASIER FOR CHILD CARE LOCATION INSIDE THE CENTRAL CITY? DID YOU LOOK AT THAT AS WELL IN TERMS OF MAYBE STATE REGULATIONS OR MAYBE MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR MORE URBAN SETTING?

WELL, WE LOOKED AT A LOT OF DIFFERENT CITIES HAVE TRIED DIFFERENT THINGS. AND OUR SUBCOMMITTEE WASN'T ABLE TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHICH ONE WOULD BE THE RIGHT FOR REASON, BUT THERE ARE SOME REALLY INTERESTING IDEAS OUT THERE. SAN FRANCISCO HAS BUILT INTO THEIR CITY CODE THAT ANY DEVELOPERS BUILDING A SPACE NEED TO PROVIDE EITHER SPACE FOR CHILD CARE OR PUT SOME AMOUNT OF MONEY INTO A CHILD CARE POT ESSENTIALLY. THAT COULD BE DRAWN FROM TO HELP CREATE CHILD CARE CENTERS. WE HEARD AN EXAMPLE OF A REALLY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IN NORTH CAROLINA WHICH SUPPLEMENTED CHILD CARE -- ACTUALLY, THIS IS A DIFFERENT LOCATION. SUPPLEMENTED CHILD CARE TEACHERS' PAY SO THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF TURNOVER. AND THAT WAS A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM.

Kim: WE DO THAT IN AUSTIN TOO.

DEFINITELY. THERE WERE LOTS OF DIFFERENT ELEMENTS THAT -- WHAT SEEMED TO BE THE KEY FROM A LOT OF THIS IS THAT CHILD CARE WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A PART OF THE PLANNING PROCESS, AND THAT ANY TIME ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT WAS CONSIDERED THAT CHILD CARE WAS CONSIDERED JUST IN THE WAY THAT ANY OTHER LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD BE CONSIDERED LIKE ROADS OR TRANSPORTATION. AND SO THERE'S JUST A LOT OF DIFFERENT VARIANCE ON THAT, US IT ALL CAME TOWN TO THAT KEY ELEMENT OF MAKING SURE THAT CHILD CARE WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE CITY PLANNING AND ZONING PROCESS.

Kim: ARE YOU PLAN TO GO MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION?

NO, NOT AT THIS POINT.

Kim: OKAY. I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD PLAN ON DOING THAT. MAYBE AT SOME POINT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THIS THEY'LL BE VERY INTERESTED IN LOOKING AND SUPPORTING THIS ISSUE. AND SINCE THEY'RE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE PLANNING TOOLS, THEY MAY HAVE SOME YZ OF HOW TO ASSIST YOU. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TALK TO DAVE SULLIVAN, THE CHAIR.

I WILL. THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER KIM, I WANT TO SAY THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY DISCUSSION WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION. I HAVE TALKED WITH THE ISD GENERAL COUNSEL ABOUT PRESENTING SOME SUBSET OF THIS AT THE NEXT JOINT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL AND THE AISD SCHOOL BOARD.

Dunkerley: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BY THE COUNCILMEMBERS?

Cole: I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. AGAIN, I WANT TO COMMEND FOR YOU THIS WONDERFUL WORK AND FOR COUNCILMEMBER KIM BRINGING THIS FORWARD. BETWEEN YOU AND I ROBERT, I THINK WE CAN GIVE HER ENOUGH KIDS TO BABYSIT. I WAS REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT WHAT DONE IN SOME OTHER CITIES AND STATES TO BRING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TO DOWNTOWN PARKS. AND YOU MENTIONED THE -- I THINK YOU SAID IMAGINATION PARK.

YES.

Cole: WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU HAVE ABOUT THAT.

I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION IN THE PRESENTATION. I CAN TELL YOU THERE WILL BE BE INFORMATION IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS WE'VE GOT. AND THERE IS -- THERE IS ACTUALLY

A WEBSITE THAT THEY SET UP FOR IMAGINATION PLAYGROUNDS IS WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO. AND THEY SOLICITED BIDS FROM A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS TO COME IN AND DEVELOP A THEME FOR THE KIDS. AND THEY'RE VERY HIGHLY INTERACTIVE, VERY COMPACT, BUT IT WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A PLACE TO BRING KIDS TO DOWNTOWN AREAS WHERE THEY COULD JUST GO OUT AND PLAY ON A PLAYGROUND IS WHAT IT CAME DOWN TO. I WANT TO SAY VANCOUVER HAS SOMETHING THAT'S VERY, VERY SIMILAR AS WELL, AND I THINK SEATTLE DOES, BUT I'M NOT CERTAIN AT THIS POINT. WE'LL BE GLAD TO PROVIDE YOU ALL THE INFORMATION WE CAN.

Cole: I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

Dunkerley: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: STEVE SIMMONS TELLS A STORY ABOUT PHIL'S ICE HOUSE AND HOW HE HAD THE BIGGEST TIME JUST -- THE HARDEST TIME TRYING TO GET THAT PLAYSCAPE INSTALLED AND GETTING THE CITY TO ALLOW THOIM DO THAT. BUT IT'S SO SUCCESSFUL AND I KNOW THAT IN YOUR SURVEY IT WAS EVEN MENTIONED THAT PARENTS SAY THEY LOVE PHIL'S ICE HOUSE BECAUSE THEY CAN TAKE THEIR CHILDREN THERE AND PLAY AND EAT. WE NEED PLACES LIKE THAT. STEVE TELLS ME 30% OF THE BUSINESS IN THE SUMMER IS WALKUP BUSINESS. AND YOU CAN SEE THE CHILDREN THERE. OF COURSE HIS PLAYSCAPE, IT WAS ONLY LIKE \$28,000 AND HE WAS COMPLAIN BEING HOW EXPENSIVE IT WAS. AND I FOUND OUT IT COST US AT LEAST \$100,000 IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO BUILD A PLAYSCAPE BECAUSE WE HAVE DIFFERENT STZ IN TERMS OF THE USE LIFE OF THE EQUIPMENT. BUT I THINK THAT THOSE ARE GREAT THINGS TO INCLUDE IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS IS HAVING MORE PRIVATE FUNDED PLAYSCAPES THAT ARE SAFE FOR CHILDREN. IT'S OBVIOUSLY A SUCCESS FOR THAT NEIGHBORHOOD.

McCracken: YOU'VE MENTIONED SOMETHING NEAR AND DEAR TO MY OWN HEART, WHICH IS THE PLAYSCAPE AT PHIL'S ICE HOUSE.

SHE CAN BABYSIT HIM TOO.

McCracken: DEAL. I WANTED TO FIND OUT WHAT THE PROBLEMS WERE WITH THE CITY NOT BEING OVERLY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT BECAUSE THAT'S A GREAT ASSET, I CAN TELL YOU AS A PARENT FIRSHTHAND TO HAVE PLACES LIKE THAT. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE CITY WOULD BE BENDING OVER BACKWARDS TO ENABLE THESE. COULD WE GET SOME INFO ABOUT WHAT THE PROBLEMS WERE THERE SO WE CAN LEARN FROM IT AND SO WE CAN HAVE A BETTER PROCESS GOING FORWARD? AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO FIGURE OUT IF WE CAN START GETTING FOUR 28,000-DOLLAR PLAYSCAPES AS OPPOSED TO ONE 100,000-DOLLAR PLAYSCAPE?

Dunkerley: THANK YOU. IF THERE ARE NO OTHER QUESTIONS, WE REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN. WE APPRECIATE YOUR WORK. IT'S GOOD WORK AND LET'S HOPE IT LEADS TO

EVEN BETTER RESULTS. THANKS. [APPLAUSE] THE COUNCIL WILL NOW INTO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATION WITH OUR ATTORNEY UNDER SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEM 63, LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BLOCK 21. RELATED TO ITEM 66. AND FOR DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL ESTATE UNDER SECTION 551.072, AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS UNDER SECTION 551.087 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEM 64, WHICH IS REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS RELATED TO THE SALE OF THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND AUSTIN ENERGY CONTROL CENTER SITES. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION INTO GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE ITEMS READ? HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE COUNCIL WILL NOW GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Wynn: THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, I'LL CALL BACK TO ORDER THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. WE'VE BEEN IN RECESS ABOUT 90 MINUTES HAVING FINISHED OUR EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA FOR THE DAY EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON. COUNCIL, IF YOU REMEMBER IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WE TOOK UP BOTH REAL ESTATE AND LEGAL MATTERS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE STREET ON BLOCK 21. STAFF HAS A POSTED ACTION ITEM RELATED TO THOSE ISSUES, TO THE LEGAL ISSUES, AT LEAST. THAT BEING ITEM NUMBER 66, A RESOLUTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION AND NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE. PERHAPS A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION AND WE CAN TAKE ACTION IF THAT'S THE WILL OF COUNCIL. WELCOME.

I'M AN ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY AND I'M HERE CONCERNING ITEM 66 ON TODAY'S AGENDA. COUNCIL HAS BEEN ASKED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE RELATED TO THE BLOCK 21 DEVELOPMENT. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE DEED, THE CITY HAS THE RIGHT TO REPURCHASE THE PROPERTY IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CONSTRUCTION DELAY OF MORE THAN 90 DAYS THAT'S NOT EXCUSED BY FORCE MAJURE. THE REQUESTED CERTIFICATE WOULD CHANGE A SINGLE TERM IN THE DEED TO PROVIDE THAT IN NO EVENT WILL THE PRICE OF THE CITY'S REPURCHASE OPTION BE LESS THAN 60% OF THE ACTUAL PROJECT COSTS INCURRED BY THE PROJECT OWNER.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? AGAIN, WE HAD A THOROUGH LEGAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS IN CLOSED SESSION EARLIER. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS FOR STAFF OR ANYBODY ELSE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 66. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER McCracken TO APPROVE THIS ITEM NUMBER 66 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS? MAKE SURE WE DON'T HAVE ANY -- I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY CITIZENS SIGNED UP. NO CITIZENS SIGNED UP ON THIS ISSUE. AGAIN, FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO OUR ZONING CASES FOR THE DAY. WELCOME, MR. GREG GUERNSEY.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. GREG GUERNSEY WITH THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO WALK THROUGH THE 4:00 ZONING, ITEMS WHERE PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE BEEN CLOSED. ON THE FIRST ITEM, ITEM 68 THIS IS THE HIEFD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD AREA. I UNDERSTAND COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO DELAY THIS VERTICAL MIXED USE ITEM AS WELL AS SOME OF THE OTHERS THAT ARE ON THIS EVENING TO CLARIFY SOME ISSUES WITH VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS REGARDING THE McMANSION ORDINANCE, WHICH I THINK APPEARS ON YOUR AGENDA NEXT WEEK. SO STAFF WOULD SUGGEST POSTPONEMENT OF THIS UNTIL MAY 22. AT THIS TIME. SO THAT'S ON ITEM NUMBER 69. ITEM 70, CASE C 14-2007-0264, THE TPWD PROPERTY. TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE PROPERTY AT 100 EAST 50th STREET. AND I'VE SPOKEN TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE OWNER'S REPRESENT OR THE BUYER'S REPRESENTATIVE, AND THEY HAVE AGREED TO A ONE-WEEK POSTPONEMENT AT THIS TIME. I THINK THEY BOTH RESERVE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF POSTPONEMENTS IN THE FUTURE, BUT TODAY, ONE WEEK. AND NEITHER SIDE NEEDS TO SPEAK TO THIS AND IT WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO ON CONSENT. IT'S ITEM NUMBER 70. A MINUTE AGO THIS WILL BE A POSTPONEMENT TO MAY 22nd. THAT CONCLUDES THE ITEMS UNDER THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA I CAN OFFER FOR CON SEND.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY. THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ON THESE CASES WHERE WE HAVE ALREADY CONDUCTED AND CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING WOULD BE TO POSTPONE ITEM 68 AND 69 TO MAY 22nd, TWOIT. POSTPONE ITEM 70 TO MAY 15th 15th, 2008. AND TO POSTPONE ITEM 71 TO MAY 22nd, 2008. I'LL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION.

SO MOVED.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER McCRACKEN, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER McCRACKEN.

McCracken: ONE CLARIFICATION TO CONFIRM. WHILE THE McMANSION PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR MAY 15th, I AND I THINK OTHERS HAVE STATED THAT IT'S OUR INTENTION ON MAY 15th TO POSTPONE IT TO MAY 22nd GIVEN THAT THE PARTLY CLOUDY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE ACTING. I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM IT'S OUR INTENTION TO DO THIS ON THE 22nd. JUST SO FOLKS OUT THERE CAN GET THAT CLARIFICATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I BELIEVE OUR AGREEMENT WAS TO HAVE A FULL STAFF BRIEFING ON THE CHANGES ON THE 15th.

Mayor Wynn: AGREED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

LET ME CONTINUE WITH OUR 4:00 NEIGHBORHOOD AND PLANNING ITEMS. THESE ARE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ARE OPEN AND THERE'S POSSIBLE ACTION THIS EVENING. ITEM NUMBER 72, CASE C 14-2007-0133, THE DOAK REZONING AT 3103 TO 3105 SLAUGHTER LANE. THIS CASE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN BY THE APPLICANT. WHO ACTION IS REQUIRED. THAT'S NUMBER 72. ITEM 73, THIS IS CASE C 14-2007-0225, PARMER PLACE, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1600 TO 1622 EAST PARMER LANE. A REQUEST FROM DR ZONING AND SF-2 CO OR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENT STANDARD LOT, CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINED TO MULTI-FAMILY, LOW DENSITY OR MF-2 ZONING FOR TRACT 1 AND COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL OR GR FOR TRACT 2. ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT THE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE LOW DENSITY OR MF-2 AND GR ZONING FOR TRACT 2 WITH CONDITIONS. I WANT TO NOTE THAT THERE IS A CORRECTION TO THE TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS RECOMMENDATIONS BY STAFF TO CLARIFY THAT THE INTERSECTION OR THE SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENTS AT DESSAU LANE WOULD NOT BE 100%, ON PAGE 5, BUT IT WOULD ONLY BE REQUIRED OF THE APPLICANT OF 68.8%. AND THAT WAS DISCUSSED BY THE APPLICANT'S AGENT AND THE TRANSPORTATION AND REVIEW SECTION OF WATERSHED PROTECTION. I WANT TO NOTE THAT ONE CHANGE TO THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION. THAT CAN BE FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON FIRST READING ONLY. ITEM 74, CASE C 14-2007-0263.001, THIS IS HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING FOR TRACT 100 AT 4000 AVENUE B. THAT POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM RELATED TO THE OTHER ITEMS I SPOKE OF EARLIER TO MAY 22ndMAY 22nd. ITEM NUMBER 75, CASE C14-2008-003, THE WINDSOR ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA, FOR TAKTS 1 A, B, D AND TRACT 2. POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM TO MAY 22nd. NUMBER 76, FAITH ON 019, THE SOUTH LAMAR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA MIXED USE BUILDING AND THIS IS POSTPONEMENT TO MAY 22nd. ITEM 77 IS A DISCUSSION ITEM AND THIS IS CASE C14-2008-C14-2008-0038, BUT THAT IS A DISCUSSION ITEM. THE APPLICANT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THIS ITEM. ITEM 78, CASE C14-2008-0039, THE AIRPORT SELF-STORAGE AT LIEL ROAD. THIS IS A REZONING OF THE PROPERTY FROM INTERIM RURAL RESIDENCE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES OR CS ZONING. ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IS GRANT CS-CO. AND THIS IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. THAT'S ITEM NUMBER 78. ITEM 79, CASE C14-2008-0043, THE BARTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING, AS WITH THE OTHER ITEMS, THIS WILL BE A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS CASE TO MAY 22nd. ITEM NUMBER 80, WHICH IS ALSO RELATED TO ITEM 87, THIS IS CASE C14-2008-0044, PART. AND THIS IS FOR THE WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING, SPECIFICALLY FOR TRACT 30. STAFF IS RECOMMENDING A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM TO MAY 22nd. ITEM 80, C14-2008-0044 -- EXCUSE ME, 81 IS CASE C14-2008-0044.001. THIS IS THE WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 51 SFRS SFRS ITEM 82 IS CASE C14-2008-0045, SAINT DOMINICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AT 9400 -- P. ITEM 83, C14-2008-0049 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6224 CROW LANE. I BELIEVE, MAYOR, YOU HAVE

AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS SIGNED UP THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO THIS ITEM. ITEM NUMBER 84, CASE C14-2008-C14-2008-0061, AND THERE ARE RELATED ITEM NUX DOOR, C14-2008-0062. MAYOR, I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAD ANYONE SIGNED NEWSPAPER OPPOSITION TO THIS. IF THERE WAS NO ONE SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION, WE COULD OFFER THESE AS CONSENT.

Mayor Wynn: THERE IS NO ONE SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION.

VERY GOOD. ON ITEM 84, CASE SFAILT 0061 C14-2008-0061 LOCATED AT 1109 NORTH 35. THIS IS A REQUEST FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES, CSNCCD COMBINED DISTRICT ZONING CHANGE THE ZONING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS GRANT THE CS-NCCD-NP. THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON ALL FLEETHREE READINGS. ITEM 85, WHICH IS NEXT DOOR ON THE SAME PROPERTY IS CASE C14-2008-0062. AGAIN, THE EAST 11th STREET NCCD PORTION OF SUBDISTRICT 3. THIS IS A ZONING CHANGE FROM COMMERCIAL LIQUOR SALES, NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION COMBINING DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN TO THAT SAME DISTRICT WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY. TO COMMERCIAL LIQUOR SALES, OR CS 1-NCCD-NP. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS GRANT CS-1-NCCD-NP. READY FOR CONSENT ON ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM 85. ITEM 86, THIS IS CASE C14-2008-0064, HERITAGE DUVALL GARDENS AT 5301 DUVALL ROAD. A CHANGE FROM SF-3 ZONE TO GO GENERAL OFFICE OR G.O. THE RECOMMENDATION WAS TO PLANT GENERAL OFFICE COMMERCIAL OVERDAY, COMBINED. THIS IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM 83. THIS IS RELATED TO ITEM NUMBER 80. AND THIS BEING -- IT'S ASSOCIATED WITH VERTICAL MIXED USE IS A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST ALSO BY STAFF TO MAY 22nd. SO THAT CONCLUDES THE ITEMS I CAN OFFER FOR CONSENT APPROVAL OR POSTPONEMENT UNDER THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY. THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ON THESE CASES WHERE WE HAVE YET TO CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING WOULD BE TO NOTE THAT ITEM NUMBER 72 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON FIRST READING ONLY ITEM NUMBER 73, WITH THE NOTATION OF THE CORRECTION. TO POSTPONE ITEM 74, 75 AND 76 TO MAY 22nd, 2008. TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS CASE 78. TO POSTPONE CASES 79 AND 80, AGAIN TO MAY 22, 2008. POSTPONE ITEM 81 TO AUGUST 7th, 2008. POSTPONE ITEM 82 TO MAY 22, 2008. CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS CASES 84, 85 AND 86. AND TO POSTPONE ITEM 87 TO MAY 22, 2008. I'LL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER McCracken TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PROPOSED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. OUR FIRST DISCUSSION ITEM IS ITEM NUMBER 77. THIS IS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1705 AND 715 GUADALUPE STREET. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST FROM DOWNTOWN MIXED USE OR D.M.U. COMBINED DISTRICT ZONING TO

DOWNTOWN MIXED USE, CENTRAL URBAN REDEVELOPMENT. THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION WAS DENY THE REQUEST FOR DOWNTOWN MIXED USE CENTRAL URBAN CONDITIONAL OVERLAY CONCERNING THE PROPERTY. THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING TO MODIFY THE D.M.U. DISTRICT UNDER THE CURE TO ALLOW BUILDING HEIGHTS UP TO 350 FEET, AND TO MODIFY THE FLOOR TO AREA RATIO UP TO 12.5 TO 1 F.A.R. THE PROPERTY ITSELF IS LOCATED NEAR 17th AND DISBLOOP STREET. IT IS DEVELOPED CURRENTLY WITH AN OFFICE AND A FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT FACILITY. THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES ALL TO THE NORTH, TO THE SOUTH, THE EAST AND WEST ARE ALL ZONED D.M.U. AT THIS TIME. THE PROPERTIES TO THE NORTH BEING USED FOR CONDOMINIUMS AND TO THE SOUTH AND EAST AND WEST BEING RETAIL AND OFFICE USES. THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO YOU WAS AFTER A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION. THEY SPOKE ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ISSUES RELATED TO THIS PROJECT. AND THE OWNER HAS A DESIRE RIGHT NOW TO REDEVELOPMENT THIS PROPERTY AND THERE IS AN ORDINANCE THAT YOU APPROVED EARLIER THIS YEAR THAT ALLOWS, WITH COUNCIL APPROVAL, OF A HEIGHT AND F.A.R. MODIFICATION THAT THEY COULD FILE THROUGH A DIFFERENT PROCESS THAT WOULD EITHER PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR COMMUNITY BENEFITS. I THINK THE APPLICANT WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD AND EXPLAIN THEIR PROPOSAL TO YOU TO FILE UNDER THE CURE DESIGNATION, AND THAT WAS THE SUGGESTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS TO DENY THIS AND ALLOW THEM TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS OTHER PROCESS. THE PROPERTY ITSELF IS RELATIVELY SMALL. IT'S JUST OVER HALF ACRE. IT'S 28,401 SQUARE FEET. AND IF THE PROPERTY WERE TO BE REDEVELOPED UNDER THE CURE, THEY COULD ATTAIN APPROXIMATELY AN ADDITIONAL 19 TO 20 FLOORS IN ADDITION UNDER THE PROPOSED CURE APPLICATION. THAT THEY HAVE FILED. I THINK AT THIS TIME I'LL PAUSE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I THINK THE APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, MICHAEL WHALEN IS HERE AND HAS A PRESENTATION HE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? IF NOT, WE'LL WELCOME MR. WHALEN AND WE'LL NOTE THAT -- LET'S SEE, IS FRED ROBBINS IN THE AUDIENCE? WELCOME. HOW STEVE SOWARD. IF YOU NEED IT, YOU HAVE UP TO 11 MINUTES.

MICHAEL WHALEN ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT. I'M GOING TO RUN THROUGH SOME SLIDES TO GIVE YOU A VIEW OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AND WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF THIS PARTICULAR SITE. THIS IS THE SITE RIGHT NOW, HALF OF IT, IT'S THE OLD HARSH VEE'S THAT'S WHAT I REMEMBER IT AS. SOME OF YOU WHO ARE YOUNGER WOULD REMEMBER IT AS SONIC. YOU CAN SEE BEHIND THE TO YOU TOWERS, THAT'S THE EXISTING INVENTORY OF RESIDENTIAL IN THE AREA. THIS IS THE OLD TRAMMELL CROW BUILDING, THE OTHER PIECE OF THE PROPERTY THAT WAS JUST SHOWN TO YOU. THIS GIVES YOU AN AERIAL VIEW OF THOSE TWO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES. I THINK A CITIZEN AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AREA REFERRED TO THIS AREA AND BLEAK AND REALLY IN TERMS OF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND DOWN AN AREA THAT HAS NOT BEEN JUMP STARTED IN THE LAST 40 YEARS SINCE THE GREENWOOD TO YOU WERS AND

CAMBRIDGE TOWERS WERE BUILT. A REAL OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW TO DO SO. ALSO YOU SEE GUADALUPE THERE IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING, THE PROPERTY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THAT IS A CORE TRANSIT CORRIDOR, NOT URBAN. IT'S A CORE TRANSIT CORRIDOR THAT THE CITY HAS IDENTIFIED. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT REDEVELOPING THE EXISTING PROPERTY. THIS IS THE GATEWAY BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND DOWNTOWN AUSTIN. YOU ARE GOING TO SEE A LIST OF ALL THE MEETINGS AND CONTACTS WE'VE HAD WITH THE SURROUNDING PROARTS WHO, AS YOU CAN SEE BY NO OPPOSITION, ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND WE ARE A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS STAFF SUPPORT. AND OBVIOUSLY WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTING GREAT STREETS PROGRAM AS PART OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. THESE ARE THE CONTACTS WE'VE HAD. FIVE RIVERS, UNIVERSITY AREA PARTNERS, JUDGES HILL, YOU CAN READ IT. ALL THE OWNERS SURROUNDING US OBVIOUSLY TO BE SURE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WHAT MAKES SENSE. EVERYBODY IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE FACT THAT SOMETHING, ANYTHING IS ACTUALLY GOING TO HAPPEN IN THIS AREA BETWEEN 15th AND 19th IN TERMS OF PRIVATE DOLLARS BEING INVESTED. THE PROPOSAL, WHICH HAS STAFF SUPPORT, IS D.M.U.-CURE. THAT IS THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION. WE WOULD HAVE STREET LEVEL RETAIL, OFFICE USE AND RESIDENTIAL. A TRUE VERTICAL MIXED USE PROJECT. 350 FEET IN HEIGHT. F.A.R. OF 12.5 TO 1 AND EXISTING RESIDENTIAL WAS BUILT IN THE 1960s. SO WE WOULD BE REPLACING, I HOPE INVIGORATING, FRANKLY, THIS AREA. THE ADVANTAGES, THE PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED MIX OF USES, THE DENSITY ON A CORE TRANSIT CORRIDOR AND CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND DOWNTOWN AUSTIN. I THINK ALL OF US KNOW IT'S AN AREA REALLY HAS A LOT OF STATE BUILDINGS, BUT NOT MUCH IN TERMS OF MIXED USE AND REAL OPPORTUNITY. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH COUNCIL POLICY AND WE HAVE STAFF SUPPORT FOR D.M.U.-CURE. I LIKE TO REMIND EVERYBODY OF STAFF SUPPORT, THAT'S WHY I KEEP MENTIONING IT. YOU CAN SEE THE AERIAL, ADOBE MALL, I CAN'T QUITE TELL, WE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO MEASURE, BUT PROBABLY 20, 30 FEET HIGHER BECAUSE OF THE ELEVATION SO IT'S PROBABLY CLOSE TO 400 FEET RELATIVE TO THIS PARTICULAR TRACT. I KNOW THE SKATEBOARDERS LIKE GUADALUPE. AGAIN, THIS THE VIEW LOOKING SOUTH, YOU CAN SEE THE WELLS FARGO AND AT&T BUILDING. WELLS FARGO IS 230 FEET. EXCUSE ME, THE SBC, AT&T BUILDING. IT'S CATTY CORNER TO US. YOU CAN SEE THE PARKING LOT POKING UP RIGHT OVER THE OLD ARBY'S. THAT'S THE SBC PARKING LOT. AND OBVIOUSLY PARKING HERE, WE WOULD HAVE ONE OR TWO FLOORS BELOW GROUND. WE WOULD NOT HIT GROUND WATER, THEN A FEW FLOORS ABOVE GROUND WRAPPED AROUND WITH THE MIXED RETAIL AT THE PEDESTRIAN LEVEL. AGAIN, A NICE VIEW EXCEPT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING A BETTER SIDEWALK THAN THAT. WE HAVE -- AN ISSUE CAME UP ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE HAVE BEGUN A DISCUSSION BECAUSE WE'VE TRIED TO CONVINCED STAFF UNSUCCESSFULLY THAT WE CAN DO THIS IN THIS ORDINANCE TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENTLY ENTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. THIS WAS AN INDEPENDENT IDEA. NOBODY HERE IN THIS ROOM ON COUNCIL, ON THE STAFF, ANYBODY HAS SUGGESTED WE GO THIS ROUTE. THIS IS AN INDEPENDENT IDEA, A BRILLIANT ONE, I MUST SAY, ON OUR BEHALF TO ENTER INTO A PRIVATE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. IT WILL

BE A PRIVATE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT TO DO ONE OF TWO THINGS, EITHER PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN 10% OR MORE OF THE GROSS FLOOR AREA THAT EXCEEDS FLOOR TO AREA RATIO OR PAY INTO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND AND YOU CAN READ IT AS WELL AS I CAN. THE IDEA IS TO USE THE 8-1 MEASUREMENT INSTEAD OF 5-1 WHICH IS CURRENTLY ALLOWED BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE, FRANKLY, A LITTLE MORE FAIR. CBD IS 8-1. IF WE USED 5-1, WE WOULD BE PAYING MORE THAN A CBD PROJECT AND THIS IS AN AREA THE MARKET HAS NOT SEEN FIT TO BUILD ANYTHING PRIVATELY. SO THE GOAL HERE IS TO PAY SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT, THE FORMULA COMES OUT TO THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND TO DATE, \$660,000. AND I THINK WOULD BE A GREAT BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY TO HAVE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND, TO HAVE THAT KIND OF PAYMENT, BUT TO ALSO JUMP START THIS AREA WHICH, AS I DESCRIBED, OTHERS HAVE CALLED BLEAK. SO WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE STAFF -- THAT YOU, CITY COUNCIL, ADOPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF D.M.U.-CURE-CO. THEY HAVE SOME CO'S THAT YOU CAN SEE A T.O. AMOUNT. WE AGREE WITH THE STAFF CO'S. THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY WE WOULD REQUEST. IT WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION AND MAKES A LOT OF SENSE. THE REQUEST FROM A NEIGHBORHOOD WAS THAT IF THE BUILDING IS TALLER THAN 170 FEET, AT LEAST 20% OF THE TOTAL NET USABLE AIR-CONDITIONED SPACE BE RESIDENTIAL. THAT'S, FRANKLY, TO ENSURE THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO GO UP, WE HAVE A TRUE MIXED USE BUILDING AND WE'RE PREPARED TO MAKE THAT COMMITMENT AND HAVE THAT AS A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY AS WELL. FINALLY MY FAVORITE PICTURE OF THE PROJECT. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. I KNOW THAT ONE OF THE OWNERS, BRENT RYAN, HAS COMMENTS. MR. ROBBINS IS HERE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ARBY'S OR SONIC. LET ME TURN IT OVER TO BRENT RYAN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. WHALEN. WELCOME, MR. RYAN. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS BRENT RYAN, ONE OF THE PARTNERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT. I'VE LIVED IN AUSTIN FOR 34 YEARS. ONE OF MY FIRST JOBS IN COLLEGE WAS WORKING IN THE OLD TRAYCOR BUILDING.

Mayor Wynn: I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY ARBY'S.

I NEVER WORKED THERE, BUT I DID EAT LOTS OF LUNCHES THERE AND AT THE SONIC. ONE OF MY PARTNERS IS STEVE SOWARD AN ARCHITECT IN TOWN AND MY BEST FRIEND SINCE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. STEVE AND I HAVE SPENT ABOUT THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF WORKING ON THIS PROJECT, OFFICIALLY WITH FRED AND STEWART ROBBINS WHO OWN THE 1715 GUADALUPE PROPOSE AND GREW UP IN AUSTIN IN THE 50s AND 60s. WE'VE ALSO WORKED WITH OTHER NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS TO PUT TOGETHER A MIXED USE PROJECT FOR THESE TWO PROPERTIES. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR THIS AREA OF TOWN. WE'VE ENJOYED GETTING TO THIS POINT WITH THE PLANS THAT WE HAVE AND WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH

IMPLEMENTING A PROJECT HERE THAT'S GOING TO HELP TURN THIS GUADALUPE-LA GUADALUPE-LAVACA CORRIDOR INTO AN ASSET FOR DOWNTOWN. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST AND I WILL BE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. RYAN. QUESTIONS FOR ANY OF THE TEAM? COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I KNOW THAT THE AFFORDABILITY REQUIREMENT WOULD BE \$1.2 MILLION, BUT YOU ARE ASKING TO OFF SET THAT WITH THE WAIVER AND THE FEES. MY UNDERSTANDING.

NO. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IF YOU APPROVED THE REQUEST THE WAY WE HAVE IT NOW, THAT WE WON'T QUALIFY FOR ANY OF THE -- ANY OF THE WAIVERS OF THE FEES OR EXPEDITED APPROVALS.

Kim: SO YOU ARE WANT TO GO PAY THE 1.2 MILLION. PART OF THAT IS PAYING THE FEE WAIVERS AND COUNTING THAT TOWARDS THE 1.2, AND THE DIFFERENCE IS I THINK 600,000 TO 700,000 IS GOING TO BE FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND?

WE WOULD NOT BE -- WE WOULDN'T QUALIFY FOR THE FEE WAIVERS UNLESS WE PAID A SIGNIFICANT SUM. THERE'S A WAY --

Kim: TO GET THE FEE WAIVERS.

YEAH, WE'RE NOT GOING TO QUALIFY FOR THE FEE WAIVERS BECAUSE THERE'S A SEPARATE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. THE ORDINANCE DOES ALLOW YOU -- ACTUALLY WE WOULDN'T QUALIFY FOR THE FEE WAIVERS AT ALL. AND THE FEE WAIVERS, IT'S ABOUT HALF A MILLION DOLLARS. WE DID THE MATH ON THE CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE IS QUARTER OF A MILLION, SITE PLAN REVIEW. SO IT'S AN INTERESTING -- IT'S A SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE SEEKING.

Kim: SO WHAT WERE THE FEES TOTAL? YOU SAID QUARTER MILLION TO HALF A MILLION?

NO, THE --

Kim: THAT YOU WOULD BE PAYING.

THE FEE WAIVER AMOUNT? THE CAPITAL RECOVERY IS ABOUT 250,000. REMEMBER, THIS IS JUST A ROUGH ESTIMATE FROM ENGINEERS. AND THEN THERE'S A SITE PLAN -- LET ME GIVE YOU THE -- WE ONLY WERE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN -- THERE IS ALSO THE PARK LAND DEDICATION, WHICH IS \$650 PER UNIT. 50 TO \$75,000 IN BUILDING PLAN, REVIEW AND INSPECTION. SO THAT TAKES YOU TO ABOUT 325. THERE'S ASSUMPTIONS MADE TO GET YOU TO ABOUT 500 IN TERMS OF OTHER FEES. SO CLEARLY MORE THAN \$350,000 IN FEES,

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 350 AND 500 IN FEES THAT WE'LL BE PAYING AND WE'RE NOT SEEKING WAIVER.

Kim: WATER TAP FEES AND ALL THOSE?

Reporter: ALL THESE FEES, YOU LUMP THEM ON, NO PROBLEM.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF OR OUR APPLICANT TEAM? WE HAVE NO OTHER CITIZENS SIGNED UP IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION. COUNCILMEMBER COLE.

Cole: I'M FACT WITH THIS AREA OF TOWN AND I KNOW MICHAEL REMEMBERS THIS AS BOTH ARBY'S AND SONIC BECAUSE IT TOOK HIM THAT LONG TO GET OUT OF COLLEGE. [LAUGHTER] I'M JUST TEASING. WE NEED TO JUMP START THE REDEVELOPMENT OF OUR MIXED USE ON OUR CORE TRANSIT CORRIDORS, AND I THINK THAT THIS IS A GOOD PROJECT THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT IN THE AREA OF TOWN THAT HAS BEEN NEGLECTED BUT IS POTENTIAL FOR THRIVING. SO IT'S JUST NORTH OF U.T. AND THE CAPITOL AND MEETS THE ENERGY OF A REDEVELOPMENT. SO I MOVE THAT WE ADOPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR D.M.U.-CURE.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON FIRST READING ONLY --

FIRST READING. THE APPLICANT ALSO OFFERED, I BELIEVE, THAT FOR STRUCTURES OVER 170 FEET, THAT THEY WOULD AGREE TO THAT 20% OF NET USABLE AREA WOULD BE FOR RESIDENTIAL USE. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] TO THE SOUTH SOME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTS ON LARGER LOTS. THE PROMPTS SOUTH FLOWNED SF-3-MP, MF-2-COMP. TO THE CEASE SOME UNDEVELOPED LAND THAT IS PLANNED FOR APARTMENTS OR CONDOMINIUMS BY THE SAME DEVELOPER, AND A THEATER FURTHER TO THE EAST NEAR 35, AND THIS PROPERTY IS ALSO ZONED MP AND MF-T-MP. TO THE WEST IS SOME CONSTRUCTION SALES AND SERVICES BUSINESSES AND MANUFACTURED HOME PARK WHICH IS A MOBIL HOME, MH-MP. TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS WAS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS PROPERTY AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION WAS TO APPROVE MF-T-CO-MP WITH A CONDITIONS AS STATED BY STAFF, WHICH INCLUDED A DEDICATION OF AT LEAST 30 FEET OF RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE CENTER LINE, SHOULD THE ZONING BE APPROVED FOR THIS PROPERTY. AND THAT THERE WILL AND TRIP LIMITATION ON THIS PROPERTY OF NOT MORE THAN 2,000 VEHICLE TRIPS PER DAY. THERE ARE PROPERTY OWNERS THEIR SPEAK TO DENSITY AND ACCESS TO THE STREETS AND THE APPLICANT AGENT ALICE GLASCO IS HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT. SO I WILL PAUSE. IF HAVE YOU ANY QUESTIONS, I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM AT THIS TIME.

MAYOR WYNN: QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? IF NOT, THEN WE WILL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. WE'LL START WITH OUR APPLICANT PRESENTATION, MISS ALICE

GLASCO,.

AND I THINK SHE HAS A POWER POINT TOO.

MAYOR WYNN: SET THE CLOCK FOR FIVE MINUTES. HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT'S AGENT, AND THEN WE'LL NOTE ALL THE FOLKS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP IN FAVOR, THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM A COUPLE OF NEIGHBORS IN OPPOSITION. WELCOME, MISS GLASCO.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, I'M REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT FOR 6224 CROW LANE. THE SUBJECT SITE IS HIGHLIGHTED IN ORANGE, OR PINK. THE SITE IS CURRENTLY ZONED SF-3. UNDER THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, YOU CAN SEE THE PINK TO THE SOUTH OF THE LANE THIS IS THE AREA REFERRED TO AS THE NORTH BLUFF SUB DIRECT BOUND BY I-35 TO THE EAST, SOUTH CONGRESS TO THE WEST, AND WILLIAM CANNON TO THE SOUTH. THE AREA IN THE MIDDLE IS THE ONLY AREA THAT YOU'LL SEE THAT HAS PINK AND THAT PINK ALLOWS MIXED RESIDENTIAL. AND THIS IS THE ONLY AREA IN THE ENTIRE PLANNING AREA THAT YOU CAN SEE ON YOUR MAP WITH THIS PARTICULAR COLOR THAT ALLOWS FOR MIXED RESIDENTIAL. THOSE TRACTS WERE GIVEN THAT COLOR DURING THE PLANNING PROCESS TO ALLOW PROPERTY OWNERS TO COME IN AT A FUTURE DATE AND SEEK APPROPRIATE ZONING TO ALLOW FOR OPTIONS FOR MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL. THIS IS AN EXCERPT FROM YOUR CITY CODE THAT SPEAKS TO RESIDENTIAL IN-FILL. IF YOU CAN SEE TO YOUR LEFT YOU HAVE YOUR STANDARD LAY OUT THAT ALLOWS JUST A STANDARD SF-3 LOTS, WHEREAS TO YOUR RIGHT, YOU CAN SEE WHEN HAVE YOU RESIDENTIAL IN-FILL OPTIONS WITH APPROPRIATE ZONING, WHICH WE'RE SEEKING, WOULD ALLOW YOU TO USE A SITE BETTER THAT ALLOWS TO YOU MIX TOWN HOMES, COME MINUTE CONDOMINIUMS, TO ALLOW YOU TO HAVE A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. THE BENEFITS OF MF-2 ZONING ARE IT PROMOTES EFFICIENT USE OF LAND. IT PROVIDES OPTIONS FOR IMPROVED INTERNAL CIRCULATION AND CONNECTIVITY. THIS SITE WOULD ALLOW THIS SITE TO COMBINE WITH ADJACENT TRACTS. THE PLAN ALLOWS CLUSTERING OF DEVELOPMENT BY USING A SITE PLAN AND REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF IMPERVIOUS COVER WHEN YOU SUBDIVIDE THE LOTS INTO INDIVIDUAL LOTS AS REQUIRED TODAY UNDER SF-3 ZONING. THE OTHER ITEM I NEEDED TO POINT OUT IS THAT IT ALLOW AS VARIETY OF HOUSING ON ONE SIDE, THUS PROMOTING AFFORDABILITY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH ONE OF THE GOALS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS A FEW GOALS AND ONE OF THE KEY GOALS THAT SPEAKS TO PRESERVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS TO DO WITH AFFORDABILITY FOR THE AREA. AS REDEVELOPMENT OCCURS, WE BELIEVE THAT MF-2 ZONING THAT GIVES YOU THE IN-FILL OPTIONS PROMOTES THE GOAL FOR AFFORDABILITY AND WE CERTAINLY HOPE THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT MF-2 ZONING. STAFF IS RECOMMENDING MF-2 ZONING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED MF-2 ZONING WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT MR. GUERNSEY SPOKE TO. THIS AREA IS IN TRANSITION AND WHEN THE PLAN WAS ADOPTED IT WAS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROPERTIES THAT HAVE THE SALMON OR PINK COLOR, THE OWNERS WOULD COME IN AT A FUTURE DATE AND JUST VERY FEW OF THEM THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR UP ZONING, TO ALLOW FOR THE OPTIONS FOR MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL. THANK YOU AND I'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY

QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

MAYOR WYNN: QUESTIONS FOR MISS GLASCO, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? IF NOT, LET'S SEE, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK BUT IN FAVOR. THOSE WOULD INCLUDE DARIN DAVIS, MATT CROSSFIELD, SUE CROSS, ELLEN SMITH AND MICHELLE COLE. WE THEN GO TO FOLKS WHO ARE IN OPPOSITION. WE HAVE TWO FOLKS THAT SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. WE'LL GET THAT TESTIMONY AND THEN WE WILL IS A REBUTTAL BY THE AGENT. THE FIRST PERSON IS DANIEL GERKINK. SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCED THAT DANIEL. WELCOME.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL. I LIVE IN THE CORNER OF NORTH BLUFF AND CROW LANE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PROPERTY THAT'S IN QUESTION. SIMPLY, THE PEOPLE THAT -- THE SIX OF US THAT LIVE ON NORTH BLUFF DRIVE FEEL THAT THE MF-2 DENSITY IS TOO DENSE, IS TOO MUCH DENSITY FOR NORTH BLUFF DRIVE. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL. IT IS, EXITS OUT TO CONGRESS AVENUE. TRAFFIC FLOWS ONE WAY THERE FROM I-35 TO CONGRESS AVENUE. THERE'S NO WAY REALLY TO GET OUT TO COME AVENUE AND GO BACK -- TO CONGRESS AVENUE AND GO BACK EAST AGAIN. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OR HOW MUCH THE COUNCIL KNOWS ABOUT NORTH BLUFF DRIVE, BUT NORTH BLUFF DRIVE IS A SLEEPY LITTLE STREET. ON FIRST IMPRESSION IT LOOKS LIKE JUST TERRITORY READY TO TO BE DEVELOPED. WHEN YOU LOOK UNDERNEATH THAT, THERE ARE TWO EVENTS HAPPENING THIS YEAR THAT CHARACTERIZE NORTH BLUFF DRIVE. ONE IS THE ONION CREEK LODGE IS CELEBRATING ITS 150th ANNIVERSARY THIS YEARS. THE OTHER IS THAT PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL IS ALSO CELEBRATING ITS 150th ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. THAT STREET WAS THE INITIAL ENTRANCE INTO AUSTIN BY THE STAGECOACHES FROM OTHER PLACES. IT IS A SLEEPY LITTLE TREE-COVERED STREET. THE -- I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS ALL THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING, AND THE REASON WHY THOSE PROPERTIES, THE PINK PROPERTIES WERE MAINTAINED AS SF-3 WAS TO MAINTAIN A BUFFER BETWEEN THE DEEPER SENSITY FROM LITTLE TEXAS AND BEHIND TO PROTECT THE CHARACTER OF NORTH BLUFF DRIVE. WE HAVE, AS RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORS THERE, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM, PER SE, WITH THE PLANS THAT WE'VE SEEN FROM MR. DAVIS AS TO WHAT HE WANTS TO DO THERE. OUR CONCERN IS THAT THE LOWER DENSITY BE MAINTAINS AND HE SEEKS OPTIONS TO DO SOMETHING BETWEEN MF-2 AND SF-3 IN ORDER TO PROTECT THAT NORTH BLUFF DRIVE. IT'S A FASCINATING LITTLE STREET. THERE IS SO MUCH HISTORY THERE, SO MUCH CHARACTER, AND AS IT UNDERGOES DEVELOPMENT, THOSE OF THANK YOU LIVE THERE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT REALLY BECOME A COMMUNITY. AND IF MR. DAVIS ALSO OWNS THE PROPERTIES BEHIND THAT, 11-ACRES IN TOTAL, IF THE DEEPER DENSITY GOES THROUGH, IT COULD ALLOW FOR SF-3 AND -- OR, I'M SORRY, MF-3 AND MF-2 DENSITY ALL THE WAY FROM LITTLE TEXAS ALL THE WAY BACK TO NORTH BLUFF DRIVE. IN BEEPING] AND THE ORIGINAL PLAN THAT WE HAD HEARD AND SEEN FROM MR. DAVIS WAS 21 HOUSES ON THAT THREE-ACRE PLOT AND THAT WOULD AND NICE KIND OF ADDITION TO THE COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE THAT FM-3 IS TOO MUCH FOR THAT

STREET TO TAKE CARE OF.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR DANIEL, COUNCIL? THANK YOU, SIR. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS COLES HARSTON. I HOPE I PRONOUNCED THAT RIGHT. YOU TOO WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

COUNCIL, I LIVE ON NORTH BLUFF DRIVE, RIGHT ACROSS FROM DAN, AND I JUST WANTED TO SECOND WHAT HE SAID. THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO PUT HOUSES ON THAT CORNER, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN REALLY GREAT BECAUSE IT WOULD SORT OF BE A BUFFER BETWEEN THE SINGLE FAMILY AND THE APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN THE BACK. NOW HE WANTS TO JUST CHANGE IT TO ALL MF-3 SO THEY CAN JUST PUT MORE APARTMENTS IN THERE. SO WE'RE JUST OPPOSED THAT NORTH BLUFF IS NOT A DEVELOPED, VERY WELL-DEVELOPED ROAD, IT IS GOING TO DUMP A LOT MORE TRAFFIC ON THERE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROAD HAVEN'T BEEN MADE AND IT IS REALLY JUST NOT SUITED FOR TONS OF TRAFFIC TO COME THROUGH THERE, IT IS LIKE A LITTLE COUNTRY ROAD. SO WE'RE JUST OPPOSED TO THAT MUCH DENSITY THERE, AND JUST THINK THAT IT'S DETRIMENTAL TO THE AREA. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. HARSTON. MISS GLASCO, AS THE AGENT YOU HAVE A ONE-TIME THREE-MINUTE REBUTTAL. WELCOME BACK.

WAITING FOR THAT TO POP UP SO I CAN WRAP UP WITH THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO WRAP UP WITH JUST THREE THINGS: NUMBER ONE, MR. GERKIN WHO JUST SPOKE BUT NOT WANTING ADDITIONAL DENSITY, HE OWNS THE PROPERTY TO THE SOUTH OF THE SUBJECT TRACT ZONES LR-MU-CO WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS. WE CAN HAVE, DEVELOP MULTIFAMILY, HE HAS THE OPTION FOR A MIXED USE OPTION THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS, THERE ARE NO LIMITATIONS AS TO DENSITY ON HIS PROPERTY. HE CAN HAVE RETAIL, HE CAN HAVE RESIDENTIAL, HE CAN HAVE JUST MULTIFAMILY IF HE WANTS TO, IFER TO REDEVELOP THE PROPERTY. -- IF HE WERE TO REDEVELOP THE PROPERTY. THE OPTION WE HAVE HERE IS THIS PROPERTY AND THE ONE NEXT DOOR, MF-2 AND THE ONE TO THE FURTHER HE IS WEST, CAN ALL BE COMBINED TO DO A MIX OF RESIDENTIAL NO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT HE CAN DO ON HIS PROPERTY. TODAY, HE CAN HAVE SOME RETAIL, HE CAN REDEVELOP TO HAVE MIXED USE OR JUST HAVE SIMPLY JUST MULTIFAMILY WITHOUT MIXING THE USES. THE ZONING WE'RE SEEKING DOES ALLOW US TO HAVE A VARIETY OF USES. WE HAVE AN APPROVED PRELIMINARY PLAN THAT HAS 21 LOTS. THERE WOULD BE FEE SIMPLE LOTS, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO -- WE'RE NOT RECORDING THE PLAN, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SITE PLAN THAT COVER AS LARGER AREA, THAT IS WHAT WE'RE INTENDING TO DO AND WE'RE NOT PRECLUDING THE IDEA OF HAVING SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED HOUSING. THE IN-FILL OPTIONS ALLOW US TO HAVE URBAN LOTS, COTTAGE LOTS, AND OTHER HOUSING. SO THIS GIVES US THE ULTIMATE FLEXIBILITY OF USING THE IN-FILL TOOLS TO ITS ULTIMATE FLEXIBILITY AND THAT IS WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR. STAFF RECOGNIZES THAT, THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOGNIZED THAT, AND THEY BOTH RECOMMENDED THE ZONING WE'RE SEEKING WITHOUT ANY LIMITATIONS TO GIVE US THE FLEXIBILITY TO DO THAT WE

WOULD APPRECIATION YOUR SUPPORT OF THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND THAT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MISS GLASCO. QUESTIONS OF THE AGENT? COMMENTS?

MAYOR, I HAVE A QUESTION.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER McCRACKEN.

COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN: IS THIS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS, OR FIRST READING ONLY?

COUNCIL MEMBER, THIS IS ONLY READY FOR FIRST READING THIS EVENING AND WE'RE WORKING WITH THE APPLICANT FOR THE FIELD NOTES FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY DEBT DEATH INDICATION SO THIS IS ONLY FIRST READ -- RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION, SO THIS IS ONLY FIRST READING.

COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN: NEXT TO IT, IS THAT A MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT.

THE APARTMENTS LOCATED TO THE NORTH, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SPEAKING OF.

COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN: YES. IT IS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO MORE MULTIFAMILY?

THAT'S CORRECT.

COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN: MAYOR, I'M PREPARED TO MAKE A MOTION THEN, UNLESS THERE IS MORE QUESTIONS.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER McCRACKEN.

COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN: I HAVE MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON FIRST READING.

MAYOR WYNN: MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION, FIRST READING ONLY. SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLE. FURTHER COMMENTS? I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY, IN ADDITION TO, YOU KNOW, THE WORK THAT STAFF WILL DO NOW, AFTER FIRST READING AND BEFORE FINAL POTENTIAL APPROVAL, MY SORT OF VAGUE AWARENESS OF THE PROJECT IS ALSO SORT OF THE ARCHITECTURAL IDEAS THAT THE TEAM HAS, INCLUDING WHAT I WOULD CHARACTERIZE AS A RELATIVELY UNIQUE AND ATYPICAL POTENTIAL HOUSING PROJECT THAT COULD EASILY GET BUILT UNDER THIS PROPOSED NEW ZONING SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF STAFF CAN FIND, OR HOUSING NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING STAFF COULD ALSO LOOK AT THE

ARCHITECTURAL SCHEME FOR THE PROPOSAL FOR THE PROPERTY AND SEE WHICH, IF ANY, OF OUR POTENTIAL HOUSING PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMS MIGHT QUALIFY. FOR INSTANCE, IN TALKING WITH SOME OF THE TEAM MEMBERS, IT'S THE DESIRE OF THEIRS TO HAVE THE PROJECT AVAILABLE FOR MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS, AND BECAUSE OF THAT DESIGNING A VERY DIFFERENT FILE, MORE FLEXIBLE, MORE COST EFFECTIVE SERIES OF UNITS. SO IF, IF THROUGH THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING TEAM CAN, YOU KNOW, JUSTIFY OTHER PROGRAMS, WHETHER IT IS SMART HOUSING OR OTHER AFFORDABILITY MEASURES, THEN I WOULD LIKE TO SEE STAFF, YOU KNOW, GIVE THAT EFFORT.

I'LL CONTACT MARGARET THANK SHAW AND MAKE THAT INQUIRY.

MAYOR WYNN: AGAIN, WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE, FIRST READING ONLY. FURTHER COMMENTS IN HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. THAT CONCLUDES THE ZONING ITEMS I CAN OFFER YOU THIS EVENING.

MAYOR WYNN: IT DOES. THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY. CONGRATULATIONS. SO COUNCIL, TECHNICALLY, I GUESS, WE NOW FIND OURSELVES AT A BREAK POINT BECAUSE WE CAN'T CONDUCT THE POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING, 88 OR 89, UNTIL AFTER 6:00 P.M. OF COURSE WE ALWAYS HAVE OUR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS AT 5:30. I WILL RECESS THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL COMING BACK FOR PROCLAMATIONS AND MUSIC AT 5:30 AND HOLDING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS SHORTLY THERE AFTER. WE'RE NOW IN RECESS FOR THE NEXT 25 MINUTES. THANK YOU.

WELCOME, EVERYONE. WE ARE GOING TO KICK OFF OUR LIVE MUSIC FOR THIS THURSDAY, WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE THEM HERE. THIS IS A LATINO VARIETY BAND WITH ORIGINAL SONGS IN ENGLISH, SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE. THE ENGLISH IS INFLUENCED BY SALSA, DISCO. THE LATEST CD IS TITLED SCUDAME, WHICH MEANS CURE ME. THEY ARE CURRENTLY AT WORK ON THE NEXT PROJECT SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED IN THE FALL. THEY PERFORM AT NUMEROUS VENUES. IN CELEBRATION OF, THIS FEATURES AN ORIGINAL SONG FROM MARY WELCH. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING THEM [APPLAUSE] [MUSIC PLAYING] [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU.

NO IDEA WHY YOU WERE NERVOUS BEFORE THAT, YOU DID GREAT. I HAVE A PROCLAMATION THAT I WANT TO READ TO YOU GUYS, AND IT READS: BE IT KNOWN WHEREAS THE CITY OF AUSTIN TEXAS IS BLESSED WITH MANY CREATIVE MUSICIANS WHOSE TALENT EXTENDS TO EVERY MUSICAL GENRE, AND OUR MUSIC SCENE THRIVES BY MUSIC PRODUCED BY LEGENDS, OUR LOCAL FAVORITES AND NEWCOMERS ALIVE, I WILL

WYNN THE LIVE MAYOR OF THE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, PROCLAIM TODAY AS MARY WELCH DAY IN AUSTIN TEXAS. IF YOU WOULD, INTRODUCE THE BAND, TELL US YOUR WEB SITE, WHERE WE CAN GET A CD.

THE WEB SITE IS MARYWELCH.COM AND YOU CAN GET OUR CD FROM THERE, JUST LET IT'S KNOW IF YOU WANT IT WE HAVE JUANITO HERE ON THE RED GUITAR. HE STARTED THE BAND WITH ME. MIKE CASEY ON THE DRUMS. SAM DAVIS ON THE BASE AND HECTOR ON THE OTHER GUITAR.

GREAT. BEFORE YOU GO, I WANT TO REMIND OUR LISTENING AND WATCHING AUDIENCE THAT THAT IS LATINO MUSIC MONTH IN AUSTIN TEXAS SO EVERY THURSDAY WE HAVE A COUNCIL MEETING THIS MONTH WE ARE GOING TO SHOWCASE SOME FORM OF AUSTIN LATINO MUSIC BUT THROUGHOUT THE MONTH WE WILL BE DOING SHOWCASES THROUGHOUT THE CITY SO YOU CAN FIND THESE LISTINGS AT AUSTINLATINOMUSIC.COM. THIS SATURDAY IS AT JOVITAS. AND MISS GINA CHAVEZ, WILL PLAY SATURDAY AT JOVITAS. SO EVERYONE COME OUT AND JOIN US AND HAVE A GOOD TIME. WHERE ARE YOU PLAYING NEXT, SO WE CAN GO CHECK YOU OUT?

WE'RE PLAYING TOMORROW AS WIDOWS AND SATURDAY AT EN SALIDA LUNA.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: GREAT, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

MONA, PLEASE COME DOWN. ALL RIGHT, OUR FIRST PROCLAMATION FOR THE EVENING RECOGNIZES A PRETTY AMAZING ORGANIZATION. I'VE BEEN ABILITY TO GET TO KNOW THE ORGANIZATION OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, RIVER CITY YOUTH FOUNDATION IN SOUTHEAST AUSTIN PROVIDE AMAZING PROGRAMMING AND OUT REACH TO OUR YOUNG KIDS IN SOUTHEAST EXTENT AND EVERY YEAR MONA PUTS ON A CHRISTMAS GIVE AWAY, I THINK LAST YEAR THIS PAST CHRISTMAS WAS ABOUT 600 GIVES THAT WE GAVE AWAY? 700 GIFTS THAT WE GAVE AWAY AND IT IS AN AMAZING DAY, AMAZING EVENT. BUT WE'RE GOING TO READ A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE DAY RIVER CITY YOUTH RECOGNITION DAY. SOMEBODY SEES YOU ON TV, THEY'RE CALLING YOU. THE PROCLAMATION READS IT BE KNOWN WHEREAS THE RIVER CITY YOUTH FOUNDATION IS OUR MOST PROPRECIOUS RESOURCE AND THE FOUNDATION'S PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNS TO FOSTER SELF CONFIDENCE, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, HEALTHY LIVING, CIVIC PRIDE AND CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. WHEREAS THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION HONORS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BOTH THE YOUTH AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT THEM. NOW, I THEREFORE, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF CORPUS CHRISTI, PROCLAIM MAY 15, 2008 AS RIVER CITY YOUTH RECOGNITION DAY. CONGRATULATIONS. MONA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS? [APPLAUSE]

YES, I WOULD. THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ. WE ENJOYED HAVING

YOU, HAVE YOU NOT SEEN ANYTHING UNTIL YOU SEE HIM WITH A GREEN SANTA HAT THAT HAS LITTLE LIGHTS ALL OVER IT AND LIGHTS UP. AND HE WAS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY LOOKING LIKE THAT. IT HAS BEEN 25 YEARS, WE'RE ABOUT TO ENTER OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY AS A NONPROFIT IN THIS COMMUNITY, SERVING YOUTH AT PROMISE, IS WHAT WE CALL THEM, FROM COMMUNITIES THAT ARE A LITTLE BIT CHALLENGES, LIKE THE DOVE SPRINGS AREA. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE STAND OUT BECAUSE THEY'VE DONE WELL IN SCHOOL, THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE, THAT THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR FUTURE, THAT THEY WANT TO GO ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION. THESE ARE THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE WOULD CALL THE CREAM OF THE CROP. THERE ARE OVER 400 KIDS THAT WE SERVE ANNUALLY, AND THERE ARE 20 KIDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE HONORED AT SAINT EDWARD UNIVERSITY AT OUR 25th YOUTH RECOGNITION IN AUSTIN. THE OTHERS ARE EITHER STILL DOING THEIR HOMEWORK RIGHT NOW, SOME OF THEM ARE ON THEIR WAY. BUT I WANT YOU TO JOIN WITH ME IN CONGRATULATING THEM BECAUSE THEY WORK VERY HARD FOR THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT, BUT I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF THE SUPPORTERS THAT HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE A PROGRAM LIKE RIVER CITY YOUTH FOUNDATION FOR THIS LONG OF A TIME AND THOSE INCLUDE GROUPS LIKE DELL, NEW YORK LIFE FOUNDATION, THE HEART FOUNDATION, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, SAINT EDWARD UNIVERSITY, IT IS A LONG, LONG LIST OF SUPPORTERS. CAN'T DO IT ALONE AND NO MAN TRULY IS AN ISLAND. WE ARE COMMITTED TO ONE ANOTHER, AND MIKE, WITHOUT YOUR HELP, WITHOUT THE CITY COUNCIL'S HELP, WE JUST SIMPLY COULDN'T DO IT. SO WE'RE HERE TONIGHT IN GRATITUDE, AND IN CELEBRATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. DOESN'T MATTER WHERE YOU START, IT MATTERS WHERE YOU WANT TO GO. AND I THINK THAT IS TRUE OF OUR CHILDREN TODAY. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH, ON BEHALF OF RIVER CITY YOUTH FOUNDATION [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: A BIG THANK YOU FOR COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ FOR HIS WORK EARLIER. AGAIN, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY EACH WEEK FOR PROCLAMATIONS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT AN ISSUE, TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS, TO SAY THANK YOU TO FRIENDS, SOMETIMES TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO A FELLOW CITY EMPLOYEE AS THEY LEAVE. THIS NEXT PROCLAMATION, MY FIRST, IS CLEAN FUEL DAY. I'M JOINED HERE BY STACY NEEF OF AUSTIN IN, FRED WHO IS A SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I WILL READ THE PROC. I THINK STACEY IS GOING TO SAY A FEW WORD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN FUEL. THE PROCLAMATION READS: THE USE OF PROPANE AND ELECTRICITY FOR FUEL IS IMPORTANT TO THE AUSTIN CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN BECAUSE THEY ALLOW TO REDUCE EMISSIONS AND OR CORE CARBON FOOTPRINT. THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT USE PROPANE MOWERS, WHILE THE CITY HAVE ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THEIR FLEETS. AND WHEREAS THE CENTRAL TEXAS CLEAN CITIES, AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, THE TEXAS PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION, CLEAN FUEL USA AND SEVERAL LOCAL PARTNERS ARE HOSTING A PROPANE MOWER AND ALL ELECTRIC UTILITY VEHICLE DAY ON FRIDAY TO PROMOTE THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS IN COMMERCIAL FLEETS. SO NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY

OF AUSTIN, WILL HERE BY PROCLAIM MAY 9, 2008 AS CLEAN FUEL DAY HERE AT AUSTIN AND ASK STACEY TO COME SAY A FEW WORD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE AND WHY WE'RE BOTH TO PROMOTE CLEAN FUEL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUST BRIEFLY, I'M THE COORDINATOR FOR A DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SUPPORTED PROGRAM CALLED CLEAN CITIES. WE'VE BEEN SUPPORTED THROUGH THE DEO AND THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE SINCE 1992. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 90 ACTIVE COALITIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES WITH SEVEN ACTIVE COALITIONS IN TEXAS. AND TOGETHER, WHAT WE DO IS FOSTER THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS, ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES, TO DECREASE OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL IS THE NUMBER ONE OBJECTIVE, OF COURSE HERE IN AUSTIN AND OTHER PLACES ACROSS TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES, AIR QUALITY COMES INTO PLAY. WHEN YOU USE ALTERNATIVE FUELS, YOU ARE ALSO REDUCING EMISSIONS. TOMORROW WE HAVE AN ACTIVITY, OUR SECOND ONE, THE COMMERCIAL PROPANE MOW WE ARE AND ELECTRIC UTILITY DEMONSTRATION DAY AND THIS IS AN EVENT WE PUT TOGETHER USING OUR PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS LOCAL AND WE'VE INVITED PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE STATE, FLEET MANAGERS, CITY DEPARTMENT, COUNTIES AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN THE AREA TO TAKE A LOOK, KICK THE TIRES, DRIVE THE VEHICLES AND SEE WHAT APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THEM TO USE IN ALTERNATIVE FUELS. ESPECIALLY TOMORROW IT IS PROPANE MOW WE ARE AND ELECTRIC UTILITY VEHICLING AND OTHER ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE OUT THERE WHAT WE DO IS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION FOR OUR FLEET MANAGERS, AND THAT IS WHAT TOMORROW IS ABOUT AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME OUT, I INVITE YOU AS WELL AS ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME OUT AND IT IS AT 10:00 TOMORROW AT THE PARK AND IT WILL GO UNTIL 2:30. THANK YOU [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: WE'RE VERY HONORED TO BE JOINED BY A GROUP OF VERY SPECIAL WITH DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. YOU HAVE BEEN IN CITY HALL THIS WEEK, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST TO COUNCIL MEMBER McCracken THE KARMA HAS BEEN REALLY GOOD IN CITY HALL THIS WEEK [LAUGHTER] WITH A STUNNING DISPLAY OF ONE OF THE MANY PIECES OF TIBETAN CULTURE IN ART, STUNNING TO SEE THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF OUR TIBETAN MONKS. SO TECHNICALLY, I AM DECLARING TIBETAN INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE DAY IN AUSTIN, WE'RE JOINED BY A NUMBER OF OUR TIBETAN MONKS. I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION, I THINK THEY HAVE A RECIPROCAL PROCLAMATION FOR US AS A CITY. OUR PROCLAMATION READS: AUSTIN'S TIBETAN POPULATION HAS CONTRIBUTED TO OUR CULTURE AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PAST 17 YEARS AND WHEREAS WE'RE PLEASED TO WELCOME MONKS FROM THE MONASTERY WHO ARE VISITING OUR CITY AS PART OF THEIR SACRED EARTH AND HEALING ARTS TOUR IN AN EFFORT TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE NEED OF PEACE AND RESPECT TO ALL PEOPLES AND CULTURES, AND WHEREAS THE MONKS ARE NEARING COMPLETION IN THE ATRIUM, REPRESENTING THE NEED FOR HEALING AND OF ALL BEING, WE'LL LEAD A PROCESSION TO AUDITORIUM SHORES TOMORROW FOR PEACE

AND COMPASSION AND ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR THEIR CHARITABLE HOSPITAL IN INDIA. THEREFORE, I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE GREAT CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, DO HERE BY PROCLAIM MAY 9 AS TIBETAN INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE DAY AND CALL ON PEOPLE TO THANK AND WELCOME DISTINGUISHED GUESTS HERE IN AUSTIN [APPLAUSE]

WE HERE BY EXPRESS OUR HEART FELT THANKS TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR ITS INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE MONASTERY DURING THE MONK'S VISIT TO AUSTIN, TEXAS. WE HOPE THAT TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THE PLANET EARTH A HAPPIER MORE PEACEFUL PLACE, TO LIVE IN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] WYNN THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THINKING ABOUT OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS TONIGHT, GOOD KARMA GOING. I'M JOINED BY SOME VERY TALENTED MUSICIANS FROM AUSTIN HIGH BECAUSE WE'RE ALSO GOING PROCLAIM AUSTIN HIGH JAZZ ENSEMBLE DAY. I WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION AND ONE OF THE GUYS WILL TALK ABOUT THE GROUP ASTIN HIGH AND HOPEFULLY WHERE WE CAN HEAR THEM SOON. THE PROCLAMATION READS: THE AUSTIN HIGH JAZZ ENSEMBLE HAS BEEN SELECTED AS ONE OF THE FINALIST BANDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND JAZZ FESTIVAL. WHEREAS 900 BANDSES IN THE U.S. WERE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE, 82 SUBMITTED RECORDINGS OF COMPOSITIONS AND THE AUSTIN HIGH JAZZ ON SOMABLE IS ENSEMBLE IS ONE OF 15 BANDS TO TAKE PART IN NEW YORK CITY. WE CONGRATULATE THEM ON REPRESENTING REPRESENTING THE ALL-STAR STATE AND TRUST THEY WILL BE AMONG THE TOP PERFORMERS OF THE CONCERT. I HEREBY PROCLAIM NEXT WEEK, MAY 16-17, 2008 AS THE AUSTIN HIGH JAZZ ENSEMBLE DAY IN AUSTIN, AND BEFORE JOHN COMES UP TO SAY A FEW WORD ABOUT THE GROUP, PLEASE JOINNY CONGRATULATING FINE MUSICIANS [APPLAUSE]

I'M THE MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN HIGH JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND THIS COMPETITION IS SO PRESTIGIOUS AND BIG IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE SUPER BOWL OF ALL JAZZ COMPETITIONS AND IT IS REALLY COOL BECAUSE WE'RE THE ONLY SCHOOL FROM TEXAS THAT WILL BE ATTENDING AND WE JUST WANT TO THANK THE GREATER AUSTIN AREA FOR SUPPORTING US, ON GOING, AND HELPING US DO THIS AND IT WASN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR BAND DIRECTER MISS MATTHEWS WHO COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY, BUT SHE IS HERE. OKAY. AND THANK YOU, AND IF YOU ALL WANT TO HEAR US PERFORMANCE BEFORE WE GO, WE'RE GOING TO DO A CONCERT ON TUESDAY, WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT TIME BUT GO TO THE AUSTINHIGHBAND.ORG AND FIND ALL THAT INFORMATION AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: CONGRATULATIONS. WELL DONE. THANK YOU. THIS IS A RECORDING? OH, GOOD.

MAYOR WYNN: FOR OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION, I WILL HAND THE PODIUM OVER TO

COUNCIL MEMBER McCracken.

COUNCIL MEMBER MCCracken: OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION IS FOR LIVESTRONG DAY ON MAY 13, AND I HAVE MY GOOD FRIEND LEE ANN ALEXANDER WHO IS HERE TO TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT LIVESTRONG DAY SO I WILL TURN IT OVER TO.

OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER McCracken. THIS IS FREIGHT BECAUSE I CAN FOCUS ON A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE. THERE ARE 10.5 MILLION SURVIVERS OF CANCER IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY AND THERE WILL BE 1.4 MILLION PEOPLE, IT IS ESTIMATED, DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER IN THE COMING YEAR. 560,000 PEOPLE WILL DIE, THAT IS 1500 PEOPLE EVERY DAY. AND BECAUSE IT IS A FASCINATING STATISTICS, I THINK THEY'VE DONE SOME SURVEYS AT THE LANCE ARMSTRONG FOUNDATION PEOPLE THINK THE CHANCE OF GETTING CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME IS 1 IN 100. THE CHANCE IS 1 IN 2 FOR MEN AND 1 IN 3 FOR WOMEN. I GOT CANCER TWICE LAST YEAR SO I'M A LIVING EXAMPLE THAT EVERYBODY NEEDS TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. IF EVERYONE IN THE ROOM GOES OUT OF HERE TONIGHT AND TELLS EVERY WOMAN TO GET A MAMMOGRAM AND EVERY MAN TO GET AN EXAM AND EVERY PERSON TO SEE DERMATOLOGIST EVERY YEAR, YOU CAN SAVE LIVES. WE HAVE ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE TODAY TO SAVE 186,000 LIVES TO SAVE OF THE 560,000 THAT LOO DIE BUT WE DON'T GET THE SCREENINGS AND TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES. THANK YOU FOR THE PROCLAMATION, IT IS LIVE STRONG DAY IN AUSTIN TEXAS AND IF YOU ALL WILL WEAR YELLOW THAT DAY, WEAR YOUR BRACELETS, THERE IS A BOX UP THERE, BROCHURES, GET INVOLVED. YOU CRIMINAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. YOU CAN DO THAT IN TWO WAYS, THREE OR FOUR DAYS, GO OUT THAT DAY, WEAR YOUR BRACELET, TELL SOMEONE TO GET AN EXAMPLE, GET ONE YOURSELF. THERE ARE ENVELOPES FOR PLEDGE MONEY, GIVE \$5, GIVE 10, GIVE 10 A MONTH, WHATEVER YOU CAN. YOU CAN ALSO ADVOCATE THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL. WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR, TELL THEM IT IS IMPORTANT TO FUND CANCER RESEARCH AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. NEXT YEAR WHEN THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE GOES INTO SESSION, TELL THEM TO MAKE SURE PROPOSITION 15 IS FUNDED. THAT WILL SET UP A CANCER RESEARCH INITIATIVE IN TEXAS, UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE. AND YOU CAN VOLUNTEER. AND THE LANCE ARMSTRONG FOUNDATION IS RIGHT DOWN THE ROAD. SO PLEASE JUST DO SOMETHING BECAUSE IT DOES MATTER. CANCER IS A HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE DISEASE. SO THANK YOU [APPLAUSE]

COUNCIL MEMBER MCCracken: THANK YOU, LEE ANN. SHE IS A PERSONAL INSPIRATION AND AS SOME OF YOU ALL KNOW, SHE GOT ME INVOLVED IN POLITICS WHEN WE WERE PRACTICING LAW TOGETHER A DECADE AGO. THAT DATES US. THE PROCLAMATION, WHEREAS THE LIVESTRONG DAY ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER AND WHEREAS FABLEDDED BY CANCER SURVIVOR AND CYCLING CHAMPION LANCE ARMSTRONG, UNITY IS STRENGTH, KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, AND ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING. THE PRACTICAL TOOLS SURVIVERS NEED TO LIVE LIFE IN THEIR OWN TERMS, IT WILL HELP ELIMINATE SUFFERING DUE TO CANCER, I THEREFORE, WILL WYNN, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN TEXAS, DOES HERE BY PROCLAIM MAY 13, 2008, AS LIVESTRONG DAY IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. THANKS, LEEANN

[APPLAUSE]

OUR LAST PROCLAMATION FOR THIS EVENING COMMEMORATES THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. I ACTUALLY READ THIS PROCLAMATION ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO ON THE STATE CAPITAL STEPS. MY AID, LARRY WAS THERE, AND LARRY AND HIS NEW BRIDE JUST IN MARCH DID THEIR HONEYMOON IN ISRAEL AND HAD JUST GOTTEN BACK AND HAD, OF COURSE, VERY GOOD THINGS TO SAY. THE PROCLAMATION READS: BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS 2008 MARKS THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MODERN JEWISH STATE OF ISRAEL, A SPECIAL PLACE FOR JEWS WORLDWIDE BECAUSE IT ANCHORS THEM AS A SPIRITUAL, NATIONAL AND CULTURAL CENTER, AND WHEREAS, IN ITS SIX DECADES OF STATE HOOD, ISRAEL HAS REBUILT A NATION, FORGED A NEW AND DYNAMIC SOCIETY AND CREATED A UNIQUE, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL LIFE, AND WHEREAS WE JOINED THE JEWISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN IN CELEBRATING THIS MILESTONE IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY AND IN RECOGNIZING OUR LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR THEIR HUMANITARIAN AND SUPPORT OF ISRAEL, THEREFORE, I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, DO HERE BY PROCLAIM MAY 11, 2008 AS ISRAEL@60 COMMUNITY TEST VALUE FESTIVAL. THANK YOU. WAY LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS? I PRESENT THIS TO YOU [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU. THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL. MY NAME IS LISA GOODGAME, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH RELATIONS COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN AND TODAY, MAY 8, IS ACTUALLY ISRAEL'S 60th ANNIVERSARY. OUR COMMUNITY CELEBRATES THIS MILESTONE ON SUNDAY WITH A COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT HONORING THE CULTURAL, ARTISTIC AND INTELLECTUAL ACHIEVEMENTS ISRAEL HAS MADE IN THE LAST 60 YEARS. WE WELCOME TO YOU JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS FAMILY-ORIENTED EVENTS, ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, SPA TREATMENTS FOR MOMS, SINCE IT IS MOTHER'S DAY, GREAT ISRAELI FOOD AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT THE DELL JEWISH COMMUNITY CAMPUS IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] WYNN THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, I WILL CALL BACK TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, IT IS 6:15 P.M. WE HAVE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONDUCT. THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 88, CONSIDERING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF APPROXIMATELY 3635 SQUARE FEET. APPRECIATE A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, ITEM NUMBER 28 IS A CHAPTER 26 OF THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILD LIFE CODE, PUBLIC HEARING. MY NAME IS RICARDO SOLIS WITH THE PARKS AROUND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE PERSON WHO COULD NOT BE HERE THIS EVENING. THE UTILITY TO INSTALL THE HE WAS WATER LINE ASSOCIATED WITH THE AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM THAT NEEDS TO TRAVERSE THROUGH DEDICATED PARK LAND ALONG THE EAST BOULDIN CREEK GREEN BELT. THE REQUEST IS TO USE APPROXIMATELY 3600 SQUARE FEET USED TO BURY THE LINE AS A PERMANENT USE AND APPROXIMATELY 3,000 SQUARE FEET AS A TEMPORARY WORK SPACE TO CONSTRUCT USE, MAINTAIN OR REPAIR THE WASTE WATER LINE. THE LEGAL FINDING FOR THIS ITEM IS THAT THERE IS NO REASONABLE PRUDENT ALTERNATIVE TO USE OF DEDICATED PARK LAND

WHICH INCLUDES ALL REASONABLE PLANNING TO MINIMIZE HARM TO SUCH LANDS. THE DATES OF THE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION IN THE AUSTIN AMERICAN STATESMAN WERE APRIL 13, 20th, 27th OF THIS YEAR. MAYOR THIS CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATION.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? ARE THERE ANY CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US TESTIMONY ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING, 88, REGARDING THIS USE OF PROPERTY FOR OUR AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM? HEARING NONE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 88 AND APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU. COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO OUR FINAL PUBLIC HEARING OF THE EVENING, THAT BEING ITEM NUMBER 88, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDING SIGN REGULATIONS THAT GENERALLY REFER TO AS OUR BILLBOARD ORDINANCES. AND WE APPRECIATE BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. RESIDENTIAL REVIEW WATERSHED PROTECTION. ITEM 89 IS THE SIGN REGULATION AMENDMENT THAT WAS FIRST PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN NOVEMBER OF 2007. COUNCIL RESOLUTION DIRECTED STAFF TO PROHIBIT BASICALLY MOVE FORWARD INITIATING CODE AMENDMENTS TO PROHIBIT THE MOBIL BILLBOARDS. THERE ARE ALSO FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MOBIL BILLBOARDS THAT CLARIFY THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS NEAR NONATTAINMENT STATUS ACCORDING TO EPA REGULATIONS. THE REMAINING REGULATIONS WOULD ALSO IMPOSE REGISTRATION FEES UPON TAXIS ADVERTISING UNRELATED BUSINESSES, NEW REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BILLBOARDS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRING ANNUAL REGISTRATION OPPOSED TO EVERY TWO YEARS, REQUIRES BILLBOARD OWNERS TO REGISTER AND PAYTY FEE -- PAY FEES. REQUIRES THEM TO NOTIFY UPCOMING REGISTRATION. FAILURE TO NOTIFY PROHIBITS RELOCATIONING SIGNS. IT DIRECTS STAFF TO IMPOSE NEW REQUIREMENTS BY ALLOWING UNLIMITED COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS IN THE ROADWAY SIGNS DISTRICTS. BILLBOARDS RELOCATES REGARDLESS OF SIGN SIZE. THE AGGREGATION OF MULTIPLE BILLBOARDS SUNT TO A MAXIMUM OF 672 SQUARE FEET WITH A 10% REDUCTION IN TOTAL AMOUNT IF THING A GAITED AMOUNT IS LESS THAN 672 SQUARE FEET. IT IS BASICALLY ALLOWING TWO OR MORE SIGNS FOR ONE OPPOSED TO JUST A ONE FOR ONE. IT WOULD IMPOSE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BILLBOARD RELOCATION, BASICALLY REQUIRING INSTALLATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENT, POLLUTION REDUCTION LIGHTING WITHIN 36 MONTHS OF REGISTRATION. CHANGING THE WAY SIGN HEIGHT IS MEASURES FROM 42.5 FEET OPPOSED TO 42 FEET ABOVE THE ADJACENT MAIN TRAVEL LANE. ALONG ELEVATED PLAINS, IT IS 25 FEET ABOVE AN ELEVATED TRAVEL LANE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE HALF MILE OF AN INTERSECTION OR INTERCHANGE. AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS, CLARIFY ADJACENT TO MEAN WHEN THE SIGN FACE IS ORIENTED TOWARDS THE TRAVEL WAY AND THE FOUNDATION IS NOR MORE THAN 500 FEET AWAY. THERE ARE ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS ON PENALTIES AND IT WOULD CLARIFY PENALTIES FOR REPLACING A BILLBOARD ONCE IT HAS BEEN ACTUALLY REMOVED, CLARIFYING THAT PENALTIES FOR

NOT COMPLYING WITH REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBIT A SIGN OWNER FROM RELOCATING A SIGN IF THAT SIGN OWNER VIOLATES REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY OTHER SIGN OWNED IN THAT JURISDICTION. CURRENT REGULATIONS STATE THAT NO NEW NONCONFORMING SIGNS CAN BE PLACED. THE EXISTING BILLBOARDS ARE OFF PREMISE NONCONFORMING SIGNS. IN 1984, COUNCIL PROHIBITED THE ERECTION OF NEW BILLBOARDS, SO AS A RESULT THE BILLBOARDS NOW UP ARE NONCONFORM, OFF PREMISE SIGNS. BILLBOARD REGULATION CONTINUES TO ALLOW MAINTENANCE OF THOSE EXISTING BILLBOARDS AND ALLOWS FOR REPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION OF BILLBOARDS. THE REPLACEMENT PROVISION IS STATED AND ALLOWS THEM TO BE REPLACED IF IT IS 25% LESS IN SIGN FACE HEIGHT AND WIDTH THAN THE ORIGINAL SIGN IT REPLACES. IT DOESN'T DIRECT ILLUMINATION ON TO THE PROPERTY ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE AND DOESN'T EXCEED THE HEIGHT OF THE SIGN IT REPLACES. IT HAS TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE SAME LOTION WITH SAME MATERIALS 'THE STEIN REPLACES. THE RELOCATION PROVISION IS IN PART B-6 AND IT CLARIFIES THAT WITHIN CERTAIN BOUNDARIES, A REGISTERED BILLBOARD CAN BE RELOCATED TO COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS OR SIGN DISTRICTS. THE ORIGINAL SIGN HAS TO BE PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM ITS LOCATION AND AFTER 25 YEARS IT MUST BE REMOVED OR ANOTHER REMOVED IN ITS PLACE. BILLBOARDS CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM A SCENIC ROADWAY WITHIN 500 FEET OF AN HISTORIC BASIS OR RESIDENTIAL-BASED ZONING DISTRICT. THERE ARE ALSO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE CURRENT REGULATIONS THAT STATE THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER THE SIGN EVERY TWO YEARS. BASICALLY, THE PROCESS INVOLVED A STAKEHOLDER MEETING AT THE FRONT END OF IT AND THEY INCLUDED SCENIC AUSTIN, TWO REPRESENTATIVES IF SCENIC AUSTIN TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM BILLBOARD COMPANIES, PROMPT OWNERS WITH -- PROPERTY OWNERS WITH A SIGN ON THEIR PROPERTY, AND YELLOW CAB COMPANY FOR THE TAXI CABS AND CAPITAL METRO WITH REGULATIONS REGARDING BUSES. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, WE WENT THROUGH THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, DESIGN COMMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. WE FOCUSED OUR DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 13. CHAPTER 13 REQUIRES THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND WE HAD TO GO REGARDING CHAPTER 13 IN LARGE PART BECAUSE ANY RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON TAXI CABS WAS UNDER CHAPTER 13 OF THE TRANSPORTATION CODE. ON APRIL 8, THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION VOTED 4-3 IN FAVOR. THE DESIGN COMMISSION MET APRIL 7 AND RECOMMENDED A COMPLETE ELIMINATION ON BILLBOARDS, REGISTRATION FEES FOR TAXI CAB, INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING ON BILLBOARDS AND PROHIBITING SIGNS IN 8 FEET OF SCHOOL -- 800 FEET OF SCHOOL BOUNDARIES. THEY DID NOT RECOMMEND EXPANSION OR RELOCATION OF SCENIC ROADWAYS OR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, REGARDLESS OF SIZE. AT THE BOARDS AND COMMISSION FOR PLANNING COMMIE WE MET SEVERAL TIME WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION. WE HELD A BRIEF DISCUSSION AND WERE ASKED TO COME BACK WITH ADDITIONAL DATA REGARDING THE BILLBOARD INVENTORY. ON MARCH 1 IS THE SUB COMMITTEE MET AGAIN THERE WAS NO RECOMMENDATION BUT THEY FORWARDED THE ITEM FOR FULL RECOMMENDATION. ON APRIL 15 THEY MET GO AND HAD MIXED RECOMMENDATIONS COMMENTSSES. THE 22. , THEY

SUPPORTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROVIDED THEIR OWN ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS. THE DATA PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE AND THE DESIGN COMMISSION RELATED TO THE BILLBOARD INVENTORY WE'VE HAD IN PLACE SINCE 1998. IN 1998, AN INVENTORY WAS CONDUCTED WHERE A STAFF MEMBER DROVE THROUGH THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND IDENTIFIED ALL THE BILLBOARDS IN THE AREA. 619 IN 1998 WERE FOUND, 88 ALONG SCENIC ROADWAYS. IN 2005, AS OUR JURISDICTION EXPANDS 621 ARE IN OUR ETJ AND IN OUR JURISDICTION, 88 OR IN THE SCENIC ROADWAY. AS OF 2008, 621 ARE STILL IN OUR E.T.J. AND JURISDICTION AND 88 IN OUR SCENIC ROADWAY. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE '98 DATA AND THE 2008 DATA, THERE IS ONE BILLBOARD REGISTERED BUT NOT IDENTIFIED IN THE 1998 SURVEY. ONE BILLBOARD WAS SUPPOSED TO BE REMOVED BUT REMAINS IN PLACE DUE TO A PROPERTY DISPUTE BETWEEN THE SIGN OWNER AND THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY. 16% OF SIGNS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED AND 19 APPROVED RELOCATIONS SINCE THE PROVISIONS WENT INTO EFFECT. BASIC MAPPING OF THE BILLBOARD INVENTORY, AND I UNDERSTAND LOOKING AT THIS CAN BE A LITTLE HARD, TRYING TO GET A GOOD CLEAR VIEW OF OUR ENTIRE E.T.J. AND ALL THE BILLBOARDS THERE, WE COULDN'T ENLARGE THOSE DATA POINTS ANY LARGER, OTHERWISE IT WOULD LOOK LIKE ONE BIG BLACK LINE BUT THE RED LINES ON THE MAP SHOW THE 1999 BILLBOARD INVENTORY. THE RED LINES ARE SCENIC ROADWAYS AND EACH IDENTIFIES ARE IN OUR INVENTORY ALONG THE BLACK DOTS. IN 2005, YOU WILL SEE HOW OUR E.T.J. IN OUR CITY CHANGES AND THE FIRST RELOCATION OCCURRED IN 2005. IN 2007, IT GIVES THE UPDATED INFORMATION HOW THEY'VE RELOCATED. THE X-MARKING ARE THE FROM LOCATION AND THE CIRCLES ARE THE TO LOCATIONS. YOU WILL NOTICE THERE WAS A CONCERN AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE SOME BILLBOARDS IN THE EAST AUSTIN AREA AND YOU WILL SEE KIND OF THE MOVEMENT OF THOSE BILLBOARDS. PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS. PLANNING COMMISSION MADE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATION, THEY RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENT AND THEY CLARIFIED DARK SKIES LIGHTING WHICH DIRECTS LIGHTING AWAY FROM A PARTICULAR AREA. IT ALSO CLARIFIED PENALTY -- THEY RECOMMENDED CLARIFYING PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER A SIGN, ANNUAL REGISTRATION BY THE PROPERTY OWNER. AGGREGATION OF PROPERTY OWNERS, SIGNS THAT LIMIT 300 SQUARE FEET OPPOSED TO 672. THEY RECOMMENDED A BAN ON NEW MOBIL BILLBOARD COMPANIES AND DELAYED A TWO YEAR BAN ON EXISTING COMPANIES. THEY ALSO RECOMMEND NOTICE REQUIREMENT ONLY FINGERPRINT SIGN COMPANIES PRO -- ONLY IF THE SIGN COMPANIES PROVIDE REGISTRATION FOR THOSE OWNS. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS. PLANNING COMMISSION ENCOURAGED US TO ADD LANGUAGE TO ENCOURAGE SIGN OWNERS TO MARK THE SIGN FOR CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION FEATURES, PROVIDE AN ANNUAL INVENTORY OF ALL OWN SIGNED, CLARIFY LANGUAGE TO REQUIRE THE SIGN OWNER TO RELOCATE THE SIGN TO ITS NEW LOCATION AND THEY MUST HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF SIGN FACES AS THE ORIGINAL BILLBOARD IT IS REPLACING. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE CLARIFYING ANY ADDITIONAL REMOVED BILLBOARDS BE OF LIKE SIZE AND SIZE FACES, ET CETERA. IN OTHER WORDS, IF IT IS REMOVED TO ITS FIRST LOCATION, IF ANOTHER IS REMOVED THEN THE NEW SIGN HAS TO BE OF THE SAME LIKE SIZE OR LARGER. CLARIFY

THE BILLBOARDS CANNOT BE RELOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF RESIDENTIALLY ZONED USE OR A USE CATEGORY OR RESIDENTIAL USE CATEGORY. CURRENTLY THE LIMITATION IS 500 FEET OPPOSED TO 1,000 AND AGAIN, THEY ALSO SUPPORTED THE DESIGN COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION OF 800 FEET FROM SCHOOL PROPERTY. CURRENTLY THERE IS NO SPECIFIC PROHIBITION AGAINST SCHOOL PROPERTY. A BILLBOARD BEING LOCATED NEAR SCHOOL PROPERTY. A RELOCATED SIGN MAY REMAIN FOR 10 YEARS OPPOSED TO 25 YEARS AND ANY ADDITIONAL SIGN REMOVED INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL SIX YEARS OF LIFE FOR THE RELOCATED SIGN. THEY WANT MORE TIME TO COMPLY WITH INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENT EFFICIENT, POLLUTION REDUCTION LIGHTING. SO ALL THE 19 SIGNS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELOCATED, RATHER THAN GIVE THEM 36 YEARS -- I'M SORRY, NOT 36 YEARS, 36 MONTHS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE, GIVE THEM SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF APPROVAL TO GET THEM INTO COMPLIANCE. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION IS TO SUPPORT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TAXI CAB SIGN REGISTRATION FEE. THERE IS A PARTICULAR PORTION THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID NOT CONSIDER BY SPECIFICALLY STATING THEY DID NOT SUPPORT THE CHANGE IN HOW HEIGHT IS MEASURED OR THE CHANGE IN ALLOWING A 25-FOOT HEIGHT INCREASE ABOVE ELEVATED FREEWAYS. IF COUNCIL CHOOSES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT PORTION, STAFF WOULD RECOMMEND USING A PROPOSED MAP IN YOUR BACK UP AS EXHIBIT D, RATHER THAN THE ACTUAL DRAFT LANGUAGE TO IDENTIFY THE AREAS PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING THE 25-FOOT HEIGHT INCREASE. OUR CONCERN THERE IS BASICALLY WITH THE LANGUAGE THERE COULD BE AN AREA OF CONFUSE IN YOU DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THE IT STARTING POINT IS. WE TOUCHED BASE CAN TxDOT TO CLARIFY HOW WE CAN WRITE IT IN LANGUAGE AND IT BECAME VERY DIFFICULT AND WE RECOMMEND USING A MAP AND HAVING A PERSON COME IN AND USE THOSE IDENTIFYING FEATURES OF THE MAP. AND I HAVE BRENT LLOYD AND DAVID LLOYD HERE WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT ME IN ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? WE DO HAVE A HANDFUL OF FOLKS, I THINK SIX OR SO HAD SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION, BUT AS WE KNOW, WE'RE SPENDING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF, SORT OF FLEX. IN MOVEMENT ON WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FROM WEEKS AGO SO I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: THANK YOU, MAYOR. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK STAFF FOR WORKING ON THIS. I KNOW IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT BUT I APPRECIATE THE WORK AND TIME AND EFFORT YOU GUYS PUT INTO IT. I THINK WE ARE HOPEFULLY GOING TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT IS POSITIVE FOR OUR COMMUNITY, THAT MEETS THE STATED INTENT. WHEN I INITIALLY CAME FORWARD WITH THIS PROPOSAL IT WAS TO PUT SOMETHING IN PLACE THAT HELPED US CLEANUP PARTS OF OUR CITY, AND GET SOME 6 OF THE SIGNS AND RIGHT OF WAYS ELIMINATED. I THINK CREATING THE FEES WILL GENERATE SIGNIFICANT REV THEY HAVE A HOPEFULLY WE CAN, THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS, DIRECT SOMEONE TO BE FULL TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT IT AS RELATES TO OUR SIGN

ORDINANCE AND ELIMINATING SOME OF THESE FOLKS WHO CAN'T SEEM TO COMPLY OR DON'T UNDERSTAND THE ORDINANCE. WITH ALL THAT, THE EXHIBIT B IS THE ACTUAL DRAFT LANGUAGE THAT STAFF IS RECOMMENDING, AND THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN EXHIBIT B THAT I DON'T THINK WE'RE ALL IN AGREEMENT WITH. AND SO I WANT TO STATE WHAT CHANGES I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE, MAYOR, IN CASE SOME SPEAKERS WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THAT ISSUE, OR IF THEY WERE GOING TO SPEAK TO THAT ISSUE, MAYBE IT WOULD ALLEVIATE SOME CONCERNS. SO MY MOTION WOULD BE TO APPROVE ITEM, IS IT 88? ARE WE ON ITEM 88? APPROVE THE ITEM AND MOVE THAT THE BACK UP EXHIBIT B BE AMENDED AT FOLLOWS WHERE WE ELIMINATE THE DEFINITIONS OF ELEVATED TRAVEL LANES AND MAIN TRAVEL WAY, WHICH WOULD REMOVE THE CONCERN STAFF HAS ABOUT HOW WE DETERMINE THE 25 FEET ABOVE ELEVATED ROADWAYS. WE'LL JUST TAKE THAT OUT COMPLETELY. THE SECOND WOULD BE TO BAN MOBIL BILLBOARDS BUT ALLOW THE EXHIBITING OPERATORS -- THE EXISTING OPERATORS TWO YEARS TO SELL THEIR VEHICLES OR CHANGE HAIR BUSINESS MODELS TO WHERE THEY CAN BE COMPLIANT WITH THE ORDINANCE. THE THIRD AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO ADOPT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT LINING. THE FOURTH WOULD BE TO REQUIRE THE SIGN OWNTORY REGISTER SIGNS ANNUALLY AND ALL OTHER SIGNS THEY OWN. THE FIFTH AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO CREATE AN ACCESSIBLE ON-LINE DATA BASE ON BILLBOARDS WHERE CITIZENS CAN ACCESS THIS AND GIVE COMMENT, FEEDBACK COMPLAINTS AND JUST HAVE A BETTER TRACKING METHOD. AND THEN THE SIXTH AMENDMENT WOULD TO BE REVISE THE CAPTION OF THE ORDINANCE. IN ORDER TO MAKE THESE CHANGES WE HAVE TO MAKE THE CAPTION ENCAPSULATE LATE THESE AMENDMENTS. SO THOSE WOULD BE MY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. THERE IS A SEVENTH AMENDMENT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BUT I'VE BEEN ADVISED BY LAW WE CAN'T BECAUSE OF POSTING REASONS SO I WOULD LIKE DAVID TO COME UP AND EXPLAIN THE OPTIONS BECAUSE THE AMENDMENT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IS COMPLETELY REMOVE THE REPLACEMENT SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE.

THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER, I AM ADAVID LLOYD. IN ORDER TO DO THAT, THE ISSUE IS THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD DISCUSSION ABOUT THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS AND YOU DON'T HAVE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THAT PARTICULAR PROPOSAL. SO THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS THAT YOU COULD PURSUE, ONE OF THEM WOULD BE TO INCLUDE A PROVISION IN THE ORDINANCE THAT WAVES THAT REQUIREMENT BECAUSE IT IS A SIGN REGULATION, STATE LAW DOESN'T REQUIRE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON IT BUT THE CITY CODE DOES. AND THE OTHER OPTION, OF COURSE, IS TO SEND IT BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION THAT PARTICULAR ELEMENT OF THE PROPOSAL AND ASK THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION. IF YOU WERE TO DO THAT, I BELIEVE WE COULD BE BACK BEFORE YOU BY JUNE 5.

SO WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO MAKE THAT APART OF THIS MOTION, WE WOULD JUST DIRECT YOU TO TAKE IT TO PLANNING COMMISSION?

IF THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL WISHES WE DO THAT WE WILL GET AND PROCESS THAT

THROUGH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND BRING IT PACK.

SO WHEN WE COME BACK ON SECOND AND THIRD READING THE REMOVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT SECTION WOULD BE A PART 6 THE DRAFT ORDINANCE.

YES.

THAT IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER, I WOULD LIKE TO SET ASIDE YOUR MOTION UNTIL WE ACTUALLY CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND I TRUST THIS HELPS SOME PEOPLE UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE HERE IN A FEW MINUTES. COUNCIL MEMBER, FOR MY CLARIFICATION, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE HAD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH THE SCENIC AUSTIN ORGANIZATION. I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE TO SPEAK FOR THEM BECAUSE I THINK A COUPLE OF THEM ARE HERE BUT ESSENTIALLY THESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WHAT HAS BEEN POSTED ARE ALIGNED WITH THEIR WISHES, CORRECT. RIGHT. SO FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF OR COMMENTS ON EVEN COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ'S LIKELY MOTION AFTER WE CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING? SO THEN WITH THAT, WE'LL TAKE SOME PUBLIC TESTIMONY. I HOPE SOME OF YOU WERE ABLE TO FOLLOW SOME OF THAT BECAUSE I THINK IT RELIEVES SOME OF THE HEARTBURN THAT SOME SPEAKERS HERE MAY HAVE. OUR FIRST SPEAKER SIGNED UP TO ADDRESS THIS IS PETER. WELCOME, PETER. AND I KNOW THAT CARLINE WANTED TO DONATE TIME TO YOU. IS CARLINE HERE? THANK YOU. SO PETER, IF YOU NEED IT, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CAROL.

THANK YOU, I'M REPRESENTING 2222 COALITION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT 3,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN, WEST OF LOOP 360. WE'RE HERE SPEAKING PARTICULARLY ABOUT SEVERAL LEMES OF THE CURRENT RELOCATION ORDINANCE. NUMBER ONE, WE URGE TO YOU REAFFIRM THE COMMITMENT TO REMOVE BILLBOARDS FROM AUSTIN WHICH WAS MADE 25 YEARS AGO AND WE'VE MADE SURPRISINGLY LITTLE PROGRESS AND IT IS FRUSTRATING BUT I KNOW IT TAKES TIME DO THIS BUT WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE GOAL OF THIS PROCESS. YOU MAY THINK WE'RE ONLY INTERESTED IN KEEPING BILLBOARDS OF OUR SCENIC ROAD WAYS, BUT THAT IS NOT ALL OUR INTEREST, WE WANT THEM RE34067ED FROM ALL OF AUSTIN AS WITH THE GUIDANCE OF COUNCIL MANY YEARS AGO, AND WE BELIEVE THAT MOVING BILLBOARDS AROUND TO MORE PROFITABLE PLACES FOR BILLBOARD COMPANIES IS A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. ATTRITION IS A METHOD OF REMOVING BILLBOARDS FROM THE JURISDICTION AND WE'RE WILLING TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM AND MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE IF WE POSSIBLY CAN. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THE BILLBOARD RELOCATION ORDINANCE IS NOT WORKING AND IT SHOULD BE REPEALED. THAT MAY NOT BE WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE COUNCIL THIS EVENING BUT IT DEFINITELY IS A GOAL WE HAVE AND BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY IN. IF, IN SPITE OF THE PUBLIC OUTCRY, IT CANNOT BE REMOVED TONIGHT, AT LEAST INS PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE MORE REASONABLE. THERE ARE

SEVERAL PROBLEMS WITH THE CURRENT ORDINANCE. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ARE WELL THOUGHT OUT AND WE URGE YOU TO ADOPT THEM IN THEIR INTIRETY. I WOULD LIKE TO GO THROUGH FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY PROVISIONS THAT NEED TO BE CORRECTED. NUMBER ONE, AT COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ HAS PROPOSED A LOOPHOLE THAT ALLOWS REPLACING BILLBOARDS IN THE ORIGINAL LOCATION MUST BE CLOSED. THAT HAS ALREADY OCCURRED IN A COUPLE PLACES AND I THINK EVERYBODY AGREES WITH DO NOT WANT THAT TO HAPPEN. NUMBER TWO, THE CURRENTARD NANCE ALLOW AS -- CURRENT ORDINANCE HAS A 25 YEAR LIFETIME BUT THAT CAN BE EXTENDED IN AN ADDITIONAL SIGN IS REMOVED AND THAT CREDIT GIVEN TO THAT ORIGINAL RELOCATED SIGN. THE LAST THING WE WANT IS BRAND NEW BILLBOARDS UP IN LOCATIONS THAT WILL BE THERE IN PERPETUITY. BUT IF THIS IS NOT CORRECTED AND THE CURRENT ORDER LANCE LANGUAGE, WE CAN EXPECT FOR EVERY TWO BILLBOARDS DOWNTOWN OR SOME CENTRAL PART OF AUSTIN WE WILL END UP WITH ONE BILLBOARD WHICH IS GOING TO BE THE HUGE SIZE OF A BILLBOARD AND IT WILL BE THERE IN PERPETUITY. IT IS A COMPLETELY UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF THE CURRENT ORDINANCE LANGUAGE BUT WE DEFINITELY NEED TO REPAIR THAT AND I URGE THE COUNCIL TONIGHT TO ADOPT A POSITION THAT THAT LOOPHOLE SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. THE THIRD ITEM WHICH IS A BIG ISSUE WITH THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR THE BILLBOARD AMENDMENTS ALLOWED 672-FOOT BILLBOARDS IN COMMERCIAL SIGN DISTRICTS. CURRENTLY, ONLY BILLBOARDS OF 300 SQUARE FEET ARE ALLOWED AND THE NEW ENTITLEMENT IS TO ALLOW THE BIG BILLBOARDS IN COMMERCIAL SIGN DISTRICTS, WHICH I UNDERSTAND REPRESENTS MOST OF THE SIGN DISTRICTS IN TOWN. THIS LIMITATION SHOULD REMAIN. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE THE BIGGER BILLBOARDS IN THE COMMERCIAL SIGN DISTRICT WHICH ARE TYPICALLY MUCH CLOSER TO RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD, BIGGER BILLBOARD HAVE THE HAVE HIGHER LEVELS AND MORE OBNOXIOUS TO THE BILLBOARDS NEARBY. ONE CONCERN WE HAVE WITH THIS WHOLE PROCESS IS UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES HAVE BEEN A LARGE FACTOR. I WOULD URGE BEFORE WE FINALIZE ANYTHING IT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY ANALYZED. SO THAT WE DO NOT GET INTO THESE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES WHICH COME BACK AND CONTINUE TO BITE US OVERAND OVERAGAIN. I THINK THAT ALL STAKE STAKEHOLDERS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. SOME WANT THE BILLBOARDS TO REMAIN, SOME WANT THEM REMOVED BUT WE SHOULD BE SENSE I HAVE TO SOME OF THEIR -- SENSITIVE TO SOME OF THEIR CONCERNS ALSO. THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO THE BILLBOARD COMPANIES TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A FAVORABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE IN PERPETUITY. 25 YEARS AGO WE DECIDED WE WOULD ELIMINATE BILLBOARDS IN TOWN AND WE KEEP GIVING NEW GIFTS TO THE BILLBOARD COMPANIES. THERE IS NO REASON WE HAVE TO DO THAT. THEY'VE MADE A GOOD BUSINESS FOR THE LAST MANY YEARS AND THERE IS NO OBLIGATION FOR THE CITY TO CONTINUE IN PERPETUITY TO GIVE AWAY THESE GIFTS AND WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE PROVISIONS AND MAKE LIFE EASY FOR CIGARETTE COMPANIES, IT IS A VERY PARALLEL THING. TIMES CHANGE, PEOPLE'S PERCEPTIONS CHANGE. I THINK THE PERCEPTION IN AUSTIN HAS DEFINITELY CHANGED REGARDING BILLBOARDS AND I BELIEVE THE BILLBOARD COMPANIES SHOULD ADJUST TO THAT. ONE FINAL THOUGHT ON THIS OUR ULTIMATE GOAL

IS TO SERIOUSLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BILLBOARDS IN AUSTIN AND EVENTUALLY ELIMINATE THEM, AND THESE NEW ENTITLEMENTS TO BILLBOARD COMPANIES ARE A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, ALTHOUGH THE MOST AGO JUST AGREED HAVE BEEN TAKEN OFF THE TABLE.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, PETER. CAROL IS NEXT IT SEEMS LIKE SOMEBODY, CHARLES, WELCOME. AND LISETTE. WELCOME. CURRENTLY, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO NINE MINUTES, IF NEEDED.

THANK YOU, MY NAME IS CAROL AND I'M A RESIDENT OF LONG CANYON IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN. ON FEBRUARY 15 OF LAST YEAR, WE STOOD IN THESE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND URGED YOU TO NOT ALLOW FIVE BILLBOARDS TO BE RELOCATED TO SCENIC ROADWAYS, 620 TO BE EXACT, AND AT THAT TIME YOU WISELY VOTED TO DENY THOSE REQUESTS FOR THOSE RELOCATIONS, WHICH WERE IN VIOLATION OF, I BELIEVE, I THINK IT REQUIRED 27 WAIVERS AND VARIANCES FOR THOSE TO BE REMOVED. AT THAT TIME WE STOOD HERE AND WE ASKED TO YOU FIX THE RELOCATION ORDINANCE PROBLEMS. WE IDENTIFIED THOSE OVER A YEAR AGO AND WE BEGGED YOU TO REPEAL THAT NOT VERY GOOD ORDINANCE AND GET IT OFF OUR BOOKS. INSTEAD, ON NOVEMBER 8 OF LAST YEAR, YOU PASSED A RESOLUTION WHICH, WITH ONE FELL SWOOP, BASICALLY SET ASIDE THE SCENIC ROADWAY ORDINANCE, HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY ORDINANCE AND OTHERS SET UP TO PROTECT THOSE SPECIAL ROADS BY TELLING THE CITY MANAGER YOU HAD DECIDED NOT IF BILLBOARDS SHOULD BE ALLOWED ON SCENIC ROADWAYS BUT THEY WOULD AND PLEASE JUST CHOOSE WHICH ONES. THAT RESOLUTION WAS PASSED ABOUT 10:30 IN THE MORNING ON A CONSENT CALENDAR. THEY EDITED THE AGENDA AS AN ADDENDUM AND PASSED WITH A DIFFERENT ITEM NUMBER AT THE ACTUAL MEETING THAN IT WAS AT THE AGENDA. IT WAS DONE WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ANYONE WHO HAD EXPRESSED ANY INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE. NO ONE THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND THIS ANY IDEA THAT THIS WAS AN ATTACK ON SCENIC ROADWAYS. IT WAS DONE IN WHAT I CONSIDER STEALTH MODE AND I CONSIDER IT A BETRAYAL OF PUBLIC TRUST THAT THAT RESOLUTION WAS PASSED ON NOVEMBER 8. MY PERSONAL OPINION. THEN, THERE WERE STAKEHOLDER'S MEETING HELD. NO NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS, AS FAR AS I CAN DETERMINE WERE INVITED TO TAKE PART, EVEN THOUGH WHO HAD COME FORWARD LAST YEAR AND SPOKEN AGAINST SCENIC ROADWAYS HAVING BILLBOARDS RELOCATED TO THEM. IT WAS DOMINATED BY COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. I UNDERSTAND THERE WAS ONE PROPERTY OWNER WHO HAS BILLBOARDS ON PROPERTIES. I DON'T BELIEVE THERE WAS ANY REPRESENTATION FROM ANYONE WHO HAS BILLBOARDS THEY WOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE ON THEIR PROPERTY. I BELIEVE THAT THAT WAS A FLAWED PROCESS AS WELL. THE RESULT OF THAT RESOLUTION AND WHAT I CONSIDER FLAWED STAKEHOLDER PROCESS IS THAT WE HAVE THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE BEFORE US THIS EVENING. I ATTENDED THE MEETINGS OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION, THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THE CODES AND ORDINANCES SUB COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND UNIFORMLY EVERYONE THERE FELT THAT THOSE, THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THOSE ORDINANCE CHANGES THAT WERE BEING RECOMMENDED WERE A MISTAKE SO ALL THOSE

ORGANIZATIONS IS COME TO YOU AND CONSISTLY ASKED YOU NOT TO APPROVE THOSE CHANGES THAT WERE PROPOSED IN THE RESOLUTION. AND IN FACT, THE PLANNING COMMISSION PUT TOGETHER A REALLY COMPREHENSIVE AND VERY WELL THOUGHT OUT COUNTER PROPOSAL WHICH I'M SURPRISED TO SEE THE STAFF ACTUALLY RECOMMENDED TONIGHT AND I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ IS NOT ON BOARD WITH THAT. I SENT AN E-MAIL TO THE COUNCIL YESTERDAY WHICH I ASKED TO YOU CONSIDER FOUR THING, DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON RELOCATIONS, FREEZING APPLICATIONS WHICH YOU CAN DO BY LAW, MAYBE SOME YOU CANNOT DO, AND HALTING ACCEPTANCE OF NEW APPLICATIONS. I ASKED TO YOU DELETE PARAGRAPH 156, WHICH YOU CAN COUNT THE SAME TERMS THAT YOU COULD, ELIMINATE 25-10, WHICH COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ HAS ALREADY PROPOSED TONIGHT. THE B-6 PARAGRAPH CONTAINS ALL THE LANGUAGE RELATING TO RELOCATION OF BILLBOARDS. DELETION OF THAT PORTION OF THE CODE I BELIEVE WOULD EFFECTIVELY PRODUCE THE SAME RESULTS AS RESENDING THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE. IT IS MY EXPERIENCE THE LDC IS THE ONLY PLACE THE ORDINANCE WILL REALLY COUNT AND IF THE PROVISION IS NOT IN THE LDC THEN THE ORDINANCE DOESN'T HAVE ANY STANDING ANY MORE. I ASKED YOU TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY-WIDE TASK FORCE TO LOOK FOR REL FOR REAL SOLUTIONS TO REMOVING BILLBOARDS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD AND PEOPLE WITH SIGNS ON THEIR PROPERTY THAT WISH TO KEEP THEM BECAUSE THEY NEED THE INCOME AND THOSE WHO WISH TO GET RID OF THEM. I ASK TO YOU FINALLY GIVE US THE NEIGHBORHOOD OMBUDSMAN FOR YEARS AS ONE WAY OF PROVIDING A CONDUIT FOR THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE BILLBOARD WORSE LOW INCOME OR SENIORS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY FIGURING OUT WHAT THE CODE REQUIRES SO THEY WOULD HAVE A WAY TO INTERFACE WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN IN AN EFFECTIVE WAY. ALL OF US WHO DEAL WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN DEVELOPMENT CODE HAVE ISSUES IN FINDING OUT HOW THE CODE WORKS AND WE'VE BEEN ASKING FOR THOSE NEIGHBORHOOD OMBUDSMANS FOR A VERY LONG TIME. IN MY PART OF AUSTIN, WE'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF BEING NIMBYS ABOUT THIS, I'M HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE I WANT BILLBOARDS OUT OF AUSTIN, PERIOD. I'M NOT HERE BECAUSE OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN, I'M HERE FOR ALL OF AUSTIN. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVEEN UP TO THE BILLBOARD INDUSTRY BECAUSE OF THIS LATEST ATTACK ON THE SCENIC ROADWAYS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO BACK OFF NOW. NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND HOW EGREGIOUS THINGS ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR AND BEING GIVEN, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO GET THEM OUT OF AUSTIN. I WOULD HOPE YOU WOULD BE ON BOARD WITH NEWS THAT EFFORT. I'M ASKING YOU TONIGHT ONCE AGAIN TO DO ONE OF TWO THING, EITHER REMOVE B-6, THE RELOCATION ORDINANCE LANGUAGE AS IMPLEMENTED IN THE LDC, OR APT A MINIMUM TO IMPLEMENT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS. ANYTHING SHORT OF THAT WILL BE A LET DOWN TO THE PEOPLE WHO PUT YOU ON THE DAIS, THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO SEND YOU THOUSANDS OF E-MAILS, I BELIEVE AT THIS POINT, AND WE CAN GET YOU MORE OF THEM IF YOU NEED, IT WHATEVER IT TAKES TO CONVINCING YOU WE'RE SERIOUS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO BACK OFF THIS TIME, WE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET BILLBOARDS OUT OF

AUSTIN. THANK YOU [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LESLIE. WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAVE TAKEN A CHANGE OF POSITION AND DONE SOME WORK ON THIS AND WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE IT. AND ALSO THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE SUB COMMITTEE WHO WORK REALLY HARD ON THIS I REPRESENT THE TEXAS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE ARE OFF SLAUGHTER LANE AND THERE ARE ALSO, I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS IN OUR AREA BOTH ON THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF SLAUGHTER LANE. WE ARE PRIME TARGET FOR BILLBOARDS AND I KNOW UNLESS DO YOU SOMETHING TO PROTECT SLAUGHTER LANE FROM THIS WE WILL BE BACK HERE AGAIN. WE ARE ALREADY BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN WHO WILL NOT LET US INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. WE ARE SITTING ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AUSTIN AND BY THE TIME WE GET INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS IT IS NOT GOING TO MEAN ANYTHING BECAUSE ALL THE DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE HAPPENED. WHAT WE DON'T WANT IS TO BE SADDLED WITH BILLBOARDS IN OUR AREA, AND WE ALREADY HAVE SOME UNDESIRABLE SIGNS IN OUR AREA, AND THIS IS THE SAME AS SOUTHEAST AUSTIN, EAST AUSTIN, AND ALSO THAT AREA IS EXTREMELY PROBLEMATIC. WE WANT THE DARK SKIES LIGHTING.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE TO MANY THAT WANT THE QUALITY OF LIFE, THESE ARE IMPORTANT THINGS. YOUR CHILDREN BEING ABLE TO SEE THE STARS AT NIGHT FROM YOUR HOUSE IS IMPORTANT. UNLESS YOU TAKE THE ACTION AND SUPPORT THE DARK SKIES LIGHTING AND I AGREE WITH CAROL, I MEAN, YOU REALLY NEED TO ELIMINATE THE RELOCATION. THE OTHER THING THAT I THINK YOU SERIOUSLY SHOULD CONSIDER IS LEAVING THE PROPERTY OWNER IN CONTROL OF THE REGISTRATION SO THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO EMPOWER THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OPPOSED TO THE BILLBOARD AND SEVERAL PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE MENTIONED THAT TO ME, THAT THAT IS WHAT THEY WANT.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. GERALD KENNY, WELCOME BACK. IS ALVIN HERE. WELCOME. I ALWAYS ASK THOSE BECAUSE THE RULES ARE YOU NEED TO BE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBERS TO DONATE YOUR TIME. YOU WILL HAVE SIX MINUTES.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON THIS. I KNOW THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS MARTINEZ AND DUNKERLEYERLY ARE COSPONSORS AND WORKED HARD TON AND COUNCIL MEMBER KIM HAS BEEN, WORKED VERY HARD WITH US TO TRY TO ADDRESS THE MANY, MANY CONCERNS THAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY. I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNITY ON AN ISSUE, YET. I MEAN, IT HAS REALLY BEEN UNBELIEVABLE. THE THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN

SAYING FOR 10, 12 YEARS, WHEN WE FIRST SAID DON'T REPLEAS REPLACE BILLBOARDS, THAT IS STARTING A SLIPPERY SLOPE, DON'T DO, IT DON'T ALLOW REPLACEMENT BUT COUNCIL DID THAT BECAUSE THEY BECAME CONVINCED I THINK FROM PERSUASIONS FROM THE INDUSTRY, THE BILLBOARD INDUSTRY THAT SOMEHOW THAT WOULD ALLOW EVENTUALLY, YOU KNOW, ELIMINATION OF BILLBOARDS. BUT, OF COURSE, IT DIDN'T. IT MADE A FEW OF THEM SMALLER. BUT IT -- AND IT DID THE WAY IT WAS SET UP, IT DID ALLOW THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY TO ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN THAT PROCESS. IT HAD SOME EFFECTS, NOT NECESSARILY DIRE AFFECTS. BUT THEN CAME THE IDEA OF RELOCATING BILLBOARDS. AND WE KNEW THEN THAT THAT WAS A, JUST A REALLY, REALLY SERIOUS ERROR AND WE WARNED AND WE DID EVERYTHING WE COULD TO TELL YOU PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS, THIS IS A MISTAKE. AND WE NEARLY LOST THAT ONE. YOU MAY REMEMBER, IT WAS A 4-3 VOTE AND WE APPRECIATED THE MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL MEMBER KIM'S VOTE WITH US ON THAT ONE IN 2005. BUT WE LOST THAT. AND SO YOU ALLOWED RELOCATION AND SO NOW WHAT WE HAVE IS BILLBOARDS DOWNTOWN WAITING FOR A NEW LOCATION. THERE IS NO DOUBT IT IS CLEAR, BILLBOARDS ARE SIGNIFICANTING THERE THAT WOULD HAVE -- ARE SITTING THERE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GONE LONG AGO THROUGH LAND USE CHANGES HAD THERE NOT BEEN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLKS TO LOOK FOR AND FIND A NEW PROFITABLE PLACE FOR THE BILLBOARD TO BE RELOCATED. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT SOME OF THAT IS A FUNDAMENTAL ERROR THAT HAPPENED. NOW COMES THIS LATEST PROPOSAL, WHICH WE TOO ARE VERY PRECIATIVE, THE COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ HAS REMOVED THE REALLY SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF RELOCATION TO SCENIC ROADWAYS, OF ENLARGING BILLBOARDS ALONG COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS OF HAVING TALLER BILLBOARDS, WE APPRECIATE THAT AND WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE OTHER THINGS ALREADY IN THERE ABOUT ENERGY SAVING AND ON-LINE REGISTRATION AND THOSE GOOD THING, BUT THE PROBLEM THAT NOW EXISTS, IF YOU ALLOW, IF YOU DO NOT GO AHEAD AND REQUIRE AND REPEAL THE RELOCATION BUT REPEAL THE REPLEASMENT, IT BASICALLY IS GOING TO -- THE REPLACEMENT, IT IS BASICALLY GOING TO GUARANTEE, EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT SCENIC ROADWAYS, THANK GOODNESS, THAT IS GOOD, BUT RIGHT NOW THE WAY IT IS SET UP YOU CAN VIRTUALLY RELOCATE A BILLBOARD IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, FROM ANYWHERE TO ANYWHERE DOWNTOWN, VIRTUALLY SOME OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, UNTIL WE REPEAL THE RELOCATION PROVISION, WE'RE GOING CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR BILLBOARDS. AND MISS MEHAN WILL BE SPEAKING LATER AND SHE WILL EXPLAIN WHY IT SEEMS LIKE MISS KING MENTIONED BILLBOARDS OF 619 IN 1999 AND 621 OR SOMETHING IN 2005, SOUNDS LIKE OH MY GOODNESS, IT'S NOT WORKING, BUT JUST REMEMBER, YOU EXPANDED YOUR E.T.J. A GREAT DEAL FROM 1999 TO 2005, YOU TOOK IN A WHOLE BUNCH OF BILLBOARDS BUT ANNEXATION, THAT IS WHY IT LOOKS LIKE IT DIDN'T REDUCE THEM. SO I BELIEVE THAT IS THE CASE. AT LEAST THAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING. ANYWAY, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS VERY SERIOUSLY, BUT I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING BEYOND TONIGHT IS THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO BECOME DEDICATED NOW TO THE GOAL AND DIRECTING STAFF IN WHATEVER WAY YOU NEED TO DO SO, TO LOOK AT HOW DO WE GET RID OF THE IDEA OF RELOCATION OF BILLBOARDS IN AUSTIN AND THEN LOOK AT OTHER WAYS TO

HASTEN THEIR REMOVAL FROM THE CITY TO ACHIEVE THE ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE WHICH IS TO ELIMINATE BILLBOARDS IN AUSTIN. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON OUR POSITION ON ANY PARTICULAR PARTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO --

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. KENNY. COUNCIL MEMBER, KIM.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS IN 2005. YOU WERE RIGHT, IT WAS VERY CONTENTIOUS AND PEOPLE TALKED IN PROTEST AND I WISH QUO PULL BACK TIME AND DO THAT RIGHT SO WE WOULDN'T HAVE A RELOCATION ORDINANCE THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH AT ALL. THAT BEING SAID, I'M WONDERING CAN YOU PROVIDE DETAILS ABOUT WHAT HOUSTON DID BECAUSE I BELIEVE THEY'VE BEEN DEALING WITH A SIMILAR ISSUE AND HOPING TO GET RID OF BILLBOARDS THROUGH ATTRITION AND THERE WAS SOME DEAL THAT WAS STRUCK THAT SEEMED TO BE PROGRESS IN THAT AREA?

RIGHT, AN IMPORTANT THING THAT YOU NEED TO, WE ALWAYS NEED TO REALIZE ABOUT HOUSTON IS THAT HOUSTON HAS, LEGALLY IN HOUSTON, THEY HAVE ATTRITION. I MEAN, AMORTIZATION OF BILLBOARDS, THANK YOU. THAT IS BY LAW, THEY ARE ALLOWED TO SAY, WHEN THEY SAID NO NEW BILLBOARDS IN HOUSTON, THE BILLBOARD HAS TO COME DOWN IN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME. AUSTIN DOES NOT HAVE THAT LEGAL RIGHT BY STATE LAW. THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT. SO THEY HAVE A LITTLE MORE LEVERAGE THAN WE DO. WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT BECAUSE HOUSTON, THEY'VE ELEVENED THAT THEY WILL BE -- THEY'VE LEARNED THAT THEY WILL BE FIGHTING THE BILLBOARD INDUSTRY TOOTH AND NAIL FOR EVERY BILLBOARD, THEY HAVE TO GO TO COURT TO TAKE EVERY ONE DOWN SO THE BILLBOARD INDUSTRY AND THE CITY CAME TOGETHER AND MADE A DEAL, BASICALLY, AND THE DEAL WAS THAT THEY WOULD TAKE DOWN A WHOLE LOT OF BILLBOARDS IF THEY COULD LEAVE CERTAIN ONES UP FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME. NO BILLBOARDS IN HOUSTON IS A PART OF THAT DEAL YOU ALL HEARD ABOUT, WILL BE THERE FOREVER, AS THE CASE HERE IN AUSTIN. AS WAS CORRECTLY STATED A MINUTE AGO, THE WAY IT IS SET UP RIGHT NOW, HE EXPLAINED IT EXACTLY CORRECT, IF YOU AGREE TO TAKE DOWN TWO BILLBOARDS, YOU CAN TAKE DOWN ONE NOW, WAIT 25 YEARS AND THE WEEK BEFORE THE 25 YEAR TAKE THE ONE MORE AND THAT FIRST ONE GETS TO STAY UP FOREVER. THAT IS A VERY SERIOUS MISTAKE. HOUSTON DIDN'T DO THAT BE, THEY WILL EVENTUALLY GET RID OF ALL THEIR BILLBOARDS.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: RIGHT, THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOHN ANDERSON. WELCOME, JOHN. AND IS KAREN HERE? HI, KAREN. JOHN, YOU HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT TO BE FOLLOWED BY BIG REAGAN. -- BILL REAGAN.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M JOHN ANDERSON WITH ANDERSON MOBIL ADVERTISING. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE

PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL FOR AMENDING THIS RESOLUTION PROVIDE A TWO-YEAR TERM FOR AUSTIN'S EXISTING MOBIL ADVERTISING OPERATORS TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE NEW ORDINANCE. WITH THAT SAID, WE STILL FEEL THIS ORDINANCE AS HAD RELATES TO MOTORIZED MOBIL ADVERTISING IS EXCLUSIONARY AS IT SINGLES OUT OR FORM OF MOBIL ADVERTISING AND PERMITTING OTHERS. NONETHELESS, DURING THE GRAND FATHER TERN, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO AJUST OUR BUSINESS MODEL IN SUCH A WAY WE MIGHT CONTINUE TO SERVE SEVEN BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WHILE ADDS HERING TO ALL THE THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING OUR INDUSTRY. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE TERM TO TWO YEARS TO THREE YEARS, OR AT A MINIMUM TWO FULL CALENDAR YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2009. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. ANDERSON. COUNCIL MEMBER, MARTINEZ.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: MAYOR, ONE THING I SPOKE WITH MR. ANDERSON GO B, SOME FOLKS HAD ASKED ME IF I WOULD ENTERTAIN ALLOWING THE TWO EXISTING BILLBOARD COMPANIES IN AUSTIN, WHICH I BELIEVE MAY OWN THREE TRUCKS, FOUR TRUCKS COMBINED, TO CONTINUE OPERATION AS LONG AS NO FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF MOBIL BILLBOARDS EXIST AND I SAID I WOULD CONSIDER THAT. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS LEGAL THOUGH, SO IN THIS TWO-YEAR PERIOD WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME TO DISCUSS THIS AND DETERMINE IF THAT IS EVEN POSSIBLE. BUT I THINK, I RECALL SOMETHING BEING SAID TO ME THAT IT MIGHT BE, THERE MIGHT AND STATE STATUTE VIOLATION CREATING AN ORDINANCE, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TALKING ABOUT IT AFTERNOON I APPRECIATE YOU PARTICIPATING AND SHARING ALL YOUR CONCERNS WITH ME.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. ANDERSON. BILL REAGAN SIGNS UP WISHING TO SPEAK. WELCOME BACK. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, TO BE FOLLOWED BY KATE MEHAN.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. WITH THE NEW MOTION, SOME STUFF I'M GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT I DON'T NEED TO ADDRESS NOW AS THIS PROCESS CONTINUES TO EVOLVE, BUT ONE THING I WANTED TO TAKE THE TIME TO POINT OUT THAT SOME OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE MADE REFERENCES TO HOW RELOCATION ORDINANCE IS A PROBLEM, AND I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT ACTUALLY THAT IS PROGRESS FOR THE CITY IF THE STATED GOAL IS TO REMOVE SIGNS BECAUSE THE REALITY IS WE'RE NOT REQUIRED TO REMOVE THE SIGNS THAT WE CURRENTLY, HAVE WE'RE GRANDFATHERED IN AND THE ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE FOR THE CITY TO BUY THEM, YOU WOULD HAVE TO WRITE A CHECK AND CONDEMN THE SIGN. UNDER THE RELOCATION PROGRAM THAT SIGN, IF WE REFLECT IT HAS A CAPPED LIFE OR ANOTHER SIGN HAS TO COME DOWN. THE ALTERNATIVE, I LIKEN IT TO THE AS SPRING APPROACH BECAUSE WE WOULD GO -- THE OSTRIGE APPROACH, WE ARE INCENTIVIZED TO KEEP THE SIGNS WHERE THEY WERE AND

LAND OWNERS CONTINUE TO GET INCOME FROM THE SIGNS. SO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY, WE MAKE AN EXCHANGE WHERE WE GO, AND WE WILL MOVE A SIGN, REALIZING IT HAS A CAPPED LIFE FOR A POTENTIAL HIGHER RETURN AND A MORE PROFITABLE LOCATION IN EXCHANGE FOR MOVING ANOTHER SIGN AND WE'VE DONE IT ON 19 LOCATIONS COURAGELY, WE HAVE MORE PERMIT APPLICATIONS PENDING TRYING TO EFFECTUATE WHAT WAS THE STATED OBJECTIVE IN TRYING TO BRING ABOUT A MORE QUICK MEANS OF REMOVING SIGNS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. SO WHILE OTHER PEOPLE TONIGHT HAVE MADE SOME POINTS AND I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE LEGALITIES OF SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS BUT I DO APPRECIATE THE CONSTITUTION, I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT. I WILL SAY THAT IF YOUR GOAL IS TO TRY AND GET RID OF SIGNS MORE QUICKLY, INCENTIVE WORKS BETTER, JUST LIKE AUSTIN ENERGY DOES IT WITH CREDITS FOR PRODUCING LESS DEMANDING AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS. YOU'RE DOING IT WITH THE NEW HOME BUILDING STANDARDS, OTHER ISSUES YOU'VE BROUGHT IN PLACE, I THINK THE SAME WILL WORK HERE UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. REAGAN. QUESTIONS COUNCIL? THANK YOU, BILL. KATE MEHAN. LET'S SEE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WANTED TO GIVE TIME TO YOU. IS NINA HERE. WELCOME. GRACE. GRACE IN THE CHAMBERS. HELLO, GRACE, WELCOME. AND BILL. HELLO, BILL, WELCOME. SO KATE, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO 12 MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. I REALLY WASN'T EXPECTING TO HAVE SO MUCH TIME DONATED FOR ME SO I WILL TRY TO KEEP IT BRIEF REGARDLESS. BEFORE I GET INTO WHAT I HAD PLANNED TO TALK ABOUT, I DO WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT SCENIC AUSTIN HAS REALLY BEEN KEPT BUSY, MORE SO THAN WE ORDINARILY WOULD HAVE WITH WHAT IS ON THE TABLE BECAUSE AS SHE INFORMED YOU WILL, THE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE REALLY, REALLY RILED UP RIGHT NOW AND THEY'RE LOOKING TO US FOR GUIDANCE AND IN SOME WAYS ARE DISAPPOINTED IN HOW WE'VE MOVED FORWARD IN TRYING TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO THE CITY WHILE MAKING SURE OUR GOALS ARE MET, AND I THINK WHAT WE'VE SEEN WITH THE NUMBER OF E-MAILS THAT YOU'VE RECEIVED ON THIS ISSUE AND THE NUMBER OF E-MAILS THAT PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND OTHER COMMISSIONS HAVE RECEIVED, I THINK YOU CAN EXPECT THAT TO CONTINUE. PEOPLE HAVE RECENTLY DISCOVERED THIS ISSUE AND IT IS A NEW WAY FOR THEM TO REALLY TAKE CONTROL OF THE WAY THAT THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS LOOK, THE WAY THAT THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE GOING TO DEVELOP, AND I REALLY THINK THAT THERE HAS BEEN A PARADIGM SHIFT AS FAR AS NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT WITH THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. SINCE 1983, THE COUNCIL HAS CREATED ORDINANCE WITH THE EXPRESS INTENT OF REDUCING AND ULTIMATELY ELIMINATING BILLBOARDS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE ONE STAFF MEMBER TO ENFORCE ALL THESE PROVISIONS. IN ADDITION TO DEALING WITH THE ON AND OFF FROM SIGNAGE, THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANTING ALL THE SOUND, NOISE AND MUSIC PERMITS FOR EVERY FESTIVAL, EVERY MUSIC VENUE AND EVER EVERYTHING, THAT IS THAT ONE PERSON'S JOB AS WITH SINCE JOINING SCENIC AUSTIN IN 2003, I'VE PERSONALLY WORK WORKED WITH FOUR PEOPLE IN THAT STAFF POSITION SO

THEY HAVE CONTINUAL TURN OVER THERE, USUAL FLEE TRAIN, USUALLY OVERWORKED AND USUALLY UNHAPPY IN THEIR JOB AND LOOKING FOR ANOTHER POSITION AS SOON AS THEY GET INTO IT. THEY ALL HAVE MENTIONED THERE IS FAR TOO MUCH WORK FOR ONE FOREIGN MANAGE. THEY DON'T HAVE THE TOOLS, THEY DON'T HAVE THE DATA, THEY DON'T HAVE ANY OF THE INFORMATION THEY NEED TO ENFORCE THE ORDINANCES THAT YOU'VE ALREADY PASSED. ONE OF THE ITEMS IN THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION INCLUDED A MEASURE TO REACH THE MONEY TO HELP FUND STAFF TO ADMINISTRATIVE STRAIGHT THE SIGNAGE ORDINANCE. OBVIOUSLY, SCENIC AUSTIN REALLY APPLAUDS THIS MEASURE BUT WE THINK YOU CAN GO FURTHER. RIGHT NOW, FOR EXAMPLE IN 1998 SCENIC AUSTIN SECURED STATE FUND, FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO DO THAT BILLBOARD INVENTORY. SINCE THAT TIME, THERE REALLY HASN'T BEEN ANYTHING DONE TO ENSURE THAT BASELINE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE. WE'VE BEEN RELYING ON THE BILLBOARD REGISTRATIONS, WHICH WE ALL KNOW AREN'T COMING IN TO UPDATE THAT INFORMATION ON WHICH WE ARE BASING ALL OF OUR ENFORCEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PROVISIONS IN OUR ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWS CHANGES TO SIGNS UNLESS THERE VERY PLACEMENT PERMIT AND THE RELOCATION REQUIRES KNOW WHAT WAS THERE BEFORE WE WE DON'T, SO YOUR STAFF MEMBER WHO IS PUT IN CHARGE OF APPROVING THESE PERMITS HAS NOTHING TO GO ON. IF THEY DO FIND SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T MATCH, THERE IS NO WAY FOR THEM TO ACTUALLY PUT THEIR FINGER ON THE DATA AND SAY NO, YOU'VE OBVIOUSLY CHANGED BILLBOARD WITH MULTIPLE POLLS TO A MONO-POLE SIGN, THAT IS AGAINST THE LAW. THERE IS NO SIGN, THERE IS NO RECOURSE THEY HAVE FOR BREAKING ANY OF THE LAWS OR RULES THAT ARE IN THE CURRENT ORDINANCE IF THEY HAVE THE TIME TO ACTUALLY DO IT. FOR EXAMPLE, 6 OF THE 16 BILLBOARDS RELOCATED WEREN'T ON THE ORIGINAL INVENTORY AND STAFF REALLY DOESN'T HAVE NEIGH THEY CAN SAY ABOUT THAT EXCEPT, WELL, MAYBE THEY WERE SKIPPED. WE DON'T KNOW, WE HAVE NO WAY TO KNOW, SOON THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT MAYBE THE RELOCATION ORDINANCE IS BEING USED AS A TOOL TO CREATE NEW BILLBOARDS BUT THERE IS NO REAL WAKE WE CAN KNOW WITH THE INFORMATION -- NO REAL WAY WE CAN KNOW WITH THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE. A FEW THINGS THAT I ADDED TO WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY SINCE I'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME. THEY ASKED ME TO CLARIFY THE BILLBOARD NUMBERS PRESENTED EARLIER, IN 1999 AS MISS KING STATED 618 BILLBOARDS WERE IDENTIFIED IN AUSTIN AND ITS E.T.J. AT THAT TIME. IN 2005, AND 2007, THEY SAID THERE WERE 621, BUT THAT INCLUDED ALL THE BILLBOARDS ABSORBED INTO THE CITY AS THE CITY AND NEXTED NEW AREAS AND -- ANNEXED NEW AREAS AND I'M SURE YOU KNOW THERE IS A LOT OF TERRITORY ANNEXED SINCE 1998. SEEING THERE IS AN INCREASE IN ONLY THREE BILLBOARDS FROM THE PREACHOUS NUMBERS TO NOW, THAT WOULD -- PREVIOUS NUMBERS TO NOW THAT WOULD INDICATE A HUGE NUMBER OF BILLBOARDS HAVE COME DOWN WHILE WE ARE ANNEXING THE NEW PROPERTIES WITH NO RESTRICTIONS IN NEW BILLBOARDS BEING ERECTED. AND ONCE UPON A TIME WAS YOUR CITY SIGNAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STATED THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 125 BILLBOARDS THAT CAME DOWN BETWEEN 1998 AND 2005. AS MISS KING'S NUMBERS DEMONSTRATE, WE DON'T HAVE ANY DOCUMENTATION OF ANY COMING DOWN SINCE THE RELOCATION ORDINANCE WAS PASSED. BILLBOARDS

ARE OBVIOUSLY PROBLEM FOR CITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. IT IS A PROBLEM THAT PEOPLE WRESTLE WITH, ESPECIALLY IN TEXAS WHEN THE AMORTIZATION IS NO LONGER A VIABLE OPTION. IT IS POINT FOR COUNCILS NOT TO TAKE A DEFEATISTED A FUTURE. THERE IS MONEY INVOLVED, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR POLICY MAKERS TO DEAL WITH BUT WE NEED TO ANALYZE THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO US WHEN WE MAKE THE POLICY DECISIONS AND REALLY TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT METHODS WORK AND KNOW THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO TAKE TIME BUT IT CAN BE DEALT WITH AS LONG AS WE'RE COMMITTED TO AN ULTIMATE GOAL AND WE KEEP THAT IN MIND. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, KATE. COUNCIL MEMBER KIM.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS FOR YOU. WHAT KIND OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT DO WE HAVE OR HOW DO WE MAKE THAT INFORMATION PUBLIC WHEN THERE IS A REQUEST FOR RELOCATION? YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT CHECKING IF THEY'RE MOVED PROPERLY IN TERMS OF THE RELOCATION, THE NUMBER OF POSTS AND THOSE KIND OF REQUIREMENTS. HOW DOES THE PUBLIC KNOW BEFORE IT IS APPROVED THAT A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE? IS THERE ANY NOTIFICATION?

RIGHT NOW THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO NOTIFICATION. OBVIOUSLY SCENIC AUSTIN TRIES TO KEEP ON TOP OF THAT AS MUCH AS WE CAN. THAT NOTIFICATION POLICY THAT I'VE STATED FOR MYSELF IS EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS SENDING AN E-MAIL TO CLARA WHO IS THE SIGN ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL AND ASKING WHAT NEW REPLACEMENT THINGS HAVE COME IN, WHAT NEW APPLICATIONS HAVE COME IN IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS AND HAS THERE BEEN ANY BILLBOARD REGISTRATIONS THAT HAVE HAPPENED AND I TAKE THAT INFORMATION AND CROSS REFERENCE IT WITH THE 1999 INVENTORY WHICH TAKES QUITE A BIT OF TIME AND I'VE GOT A DATA BASE THAT SHOWS HOW MANY POLES IT HAD LAST TIME IT WAS REGISTERED OR DURING THE INVENTORY AND IF THERE IS A DIFFERENCE I SEND A MESSAGE SAYING THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT, YOU MAY WANT TO LOOK INTO THAT.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: OR THESE WERE THE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED.

RIGHT.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE AROUND TIME IS IN TERMS 6 A REQUEST AND APPROVAL?

I DON'T KNOW. I DO KNOW THAT I CAN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION SPECIFICALLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: WE NEED TO WORK WITH OUR, SINCE WE'RE DOING OUR WEB SITE REDESIGN WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THERE IS PUBLIC INFORMATION THROUGHOUT IN A TIMELY MANNER AND ONE THING I'M WORK SONG AN ALERT THAT PEOPLE WITH CUSTOMIZE WHAT THEY WANT TO BE ALERTED ABOUT AND WE WILL ROLL THIS IN AND I

WILL TALK TO THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE ABOUT THAT WILL MEAN.

THAT WOULD BE EXCEPTIONAL.

IF YOU HAVE TO CALL EVERY FEW MONTHS SO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON. I ALSO WANTED TO KNOW, WE HAVE A MAP OF BILLBOARDS THAT WERE RELOCATED IN 2005, MOSTLY THEY ARE 2007 DO WE HAVE AN IDEA WHICH ONE OF THESE NEW RELOCATED BILLBOARDS, HOW MANY HAS A 25 YEAR LIFE SPAN WHEN THEY ARE MOVED TO HOW MANY IN PERPTITY BECAUSE IT WAS A TWO-FOR-ONE SWAP?

I HAVE NO, I DON'T HAVE MY HANDS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS, BUT FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, NO BILLBOARDS HAVE BEEN REMOVED --

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: THEY ARE ALL TWO-FOR-ONE.

THEY ARE ALL ONE FOR ONE.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: THEY ALL HAVE A 25 YEAR LIFE SPAN.

I'M SURE JESSICA COULD ANSWER THAT BETTER THAT I COULD.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: WHAT HAPPENED TO SH-130, BILLBOARDS IN THE MIDDLE OF FARM LAND AND IT WAS BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION WAS OUT THERE, THEY KIND OF LIKE -- THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT TRIED TO BEAT A STATE THROUGH BAN BILLBOARDS ON SH-130.

I GUESS THAT WAS TWO YEARS AGO, THREE YEARS AGO. THERE WERE FOUR SIGNS, IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, THEY WERE ALL REAGAN SIGNS THAT WERE ERECTED IN A PASTURE, ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY THAT WAS DESIGNATED FOR SH-130. WE WERE CONTACTED BY PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN THAT AREA, AND THE CONTENTION AT THE TIME WAS THAT IT WASN'T A ROAD YET, SO IT WOULDN'T COUNT, BUT THE COUNTY ROAD, IT HAS BEEN A COUPLE YEAR, LET'S SEE IF MY MEMORY IS AS SHARP IT AS USED TO BE, BECAUSE IT IS VISABLE FROM A COUNTY ROAD IT IS IN THE PER VIEW OF TxDOT WHICH MEANS THEY WERE ABLE TO, I THINK THOSE BILLBOARDS WERE SUPPOSED TO COME DOWN AND THE LAST I HEARD IT WAS STILL UNDER GOING LEGISLATION.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: THE BILLBOARDS ARE UP THEN?

I HAVEN'T HEARD BACK ON THAT YET. I SHOULD PROBABLY CHECK THAT OUT BUT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO COME BACK DOWN.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: OKAY, ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: AND THANK YOU, KATE. LET'S SEE. FOR THE RECORD, IT LOOKS LIKE CAMILLE PERRY AND ED KING SIGNS UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK BUT THIS OPPOSITION. COUNCIL, I THINK THAT IS ALL OF THE FOLKS THAT WANTED TO GIVE US PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM NUMBER 89. COMMENTS? QUESTIONS OF STAFF OR ANYBODY ELSE? COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: MAYOR, I THINK WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF DIFFERENT TESTIMONY AND PROBABLY WOULD WANT TO DIGEST SOME OF THIS AND DISCUSS IT MORE ON SECOND AND THIRD READING, SO I WILL MAKE A MOTION WE APPROVE ITEM 88 WITH MY STATED AMENDMENTS AND WITH THE REPLACEMENT SECTION GOING TO PC AND COMING BACK BEFORE SECOND AND THIRD READING. WITH.

MAYOR WYNN: MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ, WE'LL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE OUR SIX-POINT AMENDED RESOLUTION. WITH ADDITIONAL DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW OF REMOVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT SECTION. COUNCIL MEMBER McCracken. COMMENTS? I GUESS PERHAPS A QUESTION FOR STAFF, NOT ASHAMED TO SAY I'M CONFUSED BY PRECISELY WHERE WE ARE WITH THIS NOW, BUT WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED TIME FOR -- HOW MANY TIME DOES STAFF NEED BEFORE THEY CAN BRING THIS BACK FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING?

MAYOR, WE WILL PROVIDE DUAL NOTICE NOT PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE HEARINGS ON THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS, REMOVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS, AND WE BELIEVE WE CAN BE BACK HERE ON JUNE 5. LESS THAN ONE MONTH.

MAYOR WYNN: SO THERE IS THAT POTENTIAL REQUIREMENT OF STAFF. THEN THERE IS ALSO THE NEED, PERHAPS, FOR SOME OF US TO REALLY ABSORB THIS AS BEST WE CAN WITH CONTINUED FEED BACK FROM ADVOCATES. THANK YOU, DAVID. AGAIN, MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE. FIRST READING ONLY. AMENDED RESOLUTION WITH ADDITIONAL DIRECTION TO STAFF. COUNCIL MEMBER KIM.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM: I WILL SUPPORT THIS ON FIRST READING BUT I REALLY WANT TO LOOK AT CAREFULLY THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS BECAUSE I THINK THEY DID GOOD WORK THERE TO TRY AND SCALE BACK WHAT WE HAVE IN TERMS OF THE RELOCATION AND ALSO THE SIZE OF THE SIGNS AND I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION. SO EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE THE VOTES FOR IT TONIGHT, I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE PROGRESS ON THAT AND MORE WORK ON SUPPORTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND IT IS ALSO THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.

MAYOR WYNN: I CONCUR. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL. LEG FOR CLARIFICATION, I THOUGHT THE REASON WE'RE SENDING THIS BACK TO THE PLANNING

COMMISSION IS IT WOULD BE ILLEGAL FOR US TO CONSIDER IT HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE THIS PARTICULAR PART IS HAS NOT BEEN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, IS THAT CORRECT? COULD YOU CLARIFY THAT?

YES, SIR, WE'VE HAD THE HEARING AND GOTTEN RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON EVERYTHING BUT THE REMOVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT SECTION .

COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL: SO THAT IS THE REASON IT'S GOING BACK?

YES, SIR.

MAYOR WYNN: FURTHER COMMENTS ON OUR FIRST READING MOTION? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. FIRST READING ONLY. STAY TUNED. SO COUNCIL, THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING, WE NOW STAND ADJOURNED. IT IS 7:22 P.M. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

End of Council Session Closed Caption Log